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TELEGRAMS.

THE BALKAN WAR. A FIERCE BATTLE.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, February 17.
Reuter's correspondent at Constantinople forwards a belated Turkish account of the fierce battle at Soutari on the 4th inst. in which the Montenegrins have already admitted heavy losses. The message says that the 10,000 besiegers were completely defeated, leaving 3,000 dead and wounded, six guns, and quantities of ammunition.

Safety of Foreigners.

A message from Sofia says that the Government has decided that the foreign Consuls and subjects desiring to quit Adrianople will be granted facilities to do so immediately.

Turkish Mission.

Hakki Pasha, the former Grand Vizier, who left Constantinople on a special mission to Berlin and London, has arrived in London.

Russia and Austria.

A message from St. Petersburg says it is understood that the Czar's reply to the recent autograph letter from Emperor Francis Joseph was short but decisive. It refers to the long-standing Russo-Austrian friendship, but states that the Austrian attitude of recent years has impelled Russia to intimate her inflexible resolve to support the measures of her Slav brothers. At the same time the Czar anticipates that means will be found to maintain peace, having regard to the essential bases of Austrian policy in the Balkans.

No Need for Alarm.

Later.
Reuter learns that diplomats do not attach much importance to the alarming view taken regarding Austro-Russian relations. The matter will be considered at the next Ambassadors Conference. In the meantime the Russian counter-proposals have reached Vienna, and Austria has intimated that she is willing to consent to the exclusion from Albania of the plains of Soutari, Ipek and Prizrend, but maintains the view that Soutari itself, Djakova, Dibra and Janina must form a part of autonomous Albania.

The Hamidieh.

Reuter's correspondent at Malta states that the Turkish cruiser Hamidieh, which put into port owing to stress of weather, departed at one o'clock on Monday morning.

MEXICAN REVOLT.

AN ARMISTICE ARRANGED.

London, February 17.
A message from Reuter's correspondent at New York states that as a result of the efforts of diplomats in Mexico an armistice was arranged until eight o'clock this evening. A neutral zone around the Legation has been defined meanwhile.

Armistice Broken.

Later.
A message from New York declares that the armistice in Mexico has been abruptly terminated, and fierce fighting has been resumed.

American Policy.

Reuter's Washington correspondent telegraphs—"Hands off Mexico at present" is the decision that President Taft resolved, after a prolonged Cabinet session. An official statement disclaiming the suggestion of intervention was subsequently issued.

Heavy Firing.

Later.
Reuter's New York correspondent wires that it is reported from Mexico City that brisk fighting and heavy firing have been taking place since eight o'clock on Monday morning till noon, when it died down, indicating that the situation will soon be settled.

TELEGRAMS.

EXPLORATION.

THE MAWSON EXPEDITION.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, February 17.
It is reported from Sydney that a wireless message has been received from Mac Quaries Land stating that Dr. Mawson and all hands are aboard the Aurora, and are bound for the termination base to pick up Wilde's party, which they left there early in 1912.

[Dr. Mawson, it will be remembered, was one of the members of the Shackleton Expedition. The special object of his present expedition is the investigation of the coast region between Cape Adare and the Gaussberg, about 2,000 miles; a plan modified as regards the former point by the landing there of Lieut. Campbell's party. Dr. Mawson does not propose to make any attempt on the geographical pole, but he hopes to reach the magnetic pole, and to carry on magnetic observations, a valuable equipment for which has been lent by the Carnegie Institution of Washington.]

Anxiety Regarding German Expedition.

The Norwegian Relief Expedition despatched on the 8th January has been compelled to return without reaching the Schroeder-Straen Expedition to Northern Spitzbergen, anxiety regarding which is consequently redoubled.

A German Committee headed by Count Zeppelin is preparing a German Relief Expedition.
[A telegram received on January 18th stated:—Captain Ritschel has reached the Norwegian wireless station at Advent Bay, West Spitzbergen, and he is probably the sole survivor of the German Scientific Expedition to Northern Spitzbergen. He reports that the members of the expedition were suffering from the effects of scarcity of provisions and the ravages of scurvy. The expedition split up in several detachments. His party became exhausted and collapsed in Wide Bay, and they were probably now foodless. He travelled on alone, and ate his last tallow candle at Cape Thorsden. He twice fell through the ice and was rescued by a dog. After his arrival all his toes had to be amputated. The Norwegians at Advent Bay are sending a relief Expedition.]

ORGAN RECITAL.

Yesterday evening Mr. Denman Fuller gave another of his excellent organ recitals in St. John's Cathedral when there was a large audience present. The gem of the programme was the remarkably fine "Tone Picture" by Percy Pitt, in which Mr. Fuller showed rare delicacy of treatment. Mrs. Hepper sang "Angels ever bright and fair" and "The soul's expression" by Coleridge Taylor in good style, the pieces being admirably suited to a very pleasing voice. The violin duets by Madam von Weiser and Mr. Vermeij were both excellent in tone and technique.

The full programme was as follows:—

Piece Heroique.....Cesar Franck
Duet for two Violins.....Bach
Madam von Weiser and Mr. G. Vermeij.
Tone Picture.....Percy Pitt
Solo....."The far off past"
Solo....."Angels ever bright and fair"
Mrs. Hepper.
Hymn 94.
Duet for two Violins.....Handel
Madam von Weiser and Mr. G. Vermeij.
Caprice.....Guilmant
Solo....."The soul's expression"
Coleridge Taylor
Mrs. Hepper.
Vorspiel (Pavane).....Wagner

TELEGRAMS.

ARMAMENT RIVALRY.

BIG FRENCH PROGRAMME.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, February 17.
The "Temps" announces that the French Government has decided to ask Parliament for £26,000,000 before Easter to be spent in armaments for effective warships. The scheme will be carried out as rapidly as possible, within a fixed time, as in the case of the German programme.

OLD AND NEW.

Canton at the end of 1912.

The Manchu quarter in Canton lies to the right or south of the West Gate, writes a correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian." Without warning, in less than a minute one finds oneself back in Peking. The change of scene is extraordinarily abrupt. Out of narrow crowded streets, where everything is essentially Chinese, where there are shops with sign boards, markets, and money-changers, you step into streets that are broad and empty, cold-looking, and grey. They have the hardness of the north and the spaciousness of its wide flat plains. There is about them the same suggestion of loneliness and austerity as there is in the country between Peking and the Princes' Tomb on a November day. The houses are those of the Tartar city, not those of the City of Rome. One of the characteristic features of the latter is their ladder-like sliding door, which admits you straight into a room.

Manchu Houses.

The doors of these Manchu houses push open on to courtyards. Standing on the stone steps in front or sitting on the crossbar at the foot of the doorposts are Manchu women, easily recognizable by their height, by the width between their eyes, and the squareness of their faces. The men are not so quickly identified until they talk, when their ha's and er-r's are as welcome as old music. One's delight at being amongst these people again makes the poverty to which they have been reduced more than pathetic. There is tragedy in the Manchu city in Nanjing, but it is the tragedy of ruins growing old. Here there is tragedy in progress—ruin taking place. Walls gaps and roofs are falling and grass is springing from new crevices. In the Quarter a strong detachment of the Hsin Chun occupy what was once the Yamen of the Tartar Lieutenant General. Sentries with fixed bayonets stand on guard on either side and groups of soldiers in the grey uniforms which the Revolution has made so familiar lounge in front. Were one to return to the Chinese city without seeing anything more it would be with very bitter feelings.

A Famous Tradition.

East of this Yamen, however, stands the Wu Heien Ssu, a temple associated with the tradition which gives Canton one of its oldest names, the tradition, namely, of the five Genii who came riding into the city on rams carrying ears of corn in token of plentiful harvests. The Cantonese built a temple in memory of this event, and it was removed to its present site during the reign of Hung Wu, the first Emperor of the Ming Dynasty. Close to it is the Confucian Temple, which emphasises the ancient right of the Chinese to this section of Canton. Its single 'ting' or hall, stands on a wide terrace at the north end of a walled enclosure. On either side run echoing corridors with niches in which wooden memorial tablets bear names of scholars long since dead. In the centre of the ground

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THE DAVIS CUP.

REVIVAL OF INTEREST.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, February 17.
Since Britain's victory in Australia, the Davis International Lawn Tennis Cup Competition has become a great international event. Canada, America, Australia, France, Germany and Belgium are certain competitors in 1913, and there is a possibility of yet more challengers coming forward.

are cotton and banyan trees, and at the southern end stands a stone bridge with carved marble balustrades, crossed only by scholars entering to take their degree. Dark red is the prevailing colour of the enclosure, which, like Confucianism itself, is staid, practical, placid, and severely plain.

A Half-hearted Trader.
A walk through the Ta Shih Chieh, which runs east and west through the centre of the Quarter and is the only street where buying and selling takes place, converts what is left in one of bitterness into a just recognition of broad facts. The shops are hardly more than stalls, and lack both the briskness and the serene patience with which a Chinese manages to invest even a rickety trestle stocked with no more than a handful of peanuts, half-a-dozen bananas, and a packet or two of cigarettes. It is obvious that the Manchus take only half-heartedly to trade, handling his wares with the detachment and diffidence born of reliance upon pensions. Into the Manchu Quarter the Cantonese have thrown an invading wave which will absorb these 3,000 or 4,000 aliens as quietly and irresistibly as the tide covers the sands. At the present time everything points, as far as Canton's affairs are concerned, to a period of settled government. Even were a Manchu secret society to become suddenly active again, and to prove in the end successful, any help it received from the Manchus would not save them from their fate. Whatever may happen to them in North China, in Canton they are doomed to extinction.

Logical Expression.

Our speech should be correct and logical. There are expressions which should be taboo. For instance, "I have never seen a more perfect example" is nonsense. "First" and "last" are absolute terms, therefore they cannot be modified. So the very first thing we should do is to drop illogical modifications. If a man has had his last drink he cannot have another. Some, to be sure, take a "very last" and even "the damndest last," thus accomplishing the impossible. "Faller" is in itself an absurdly illogical word. Nothing can be faller than full. "Smaller" is another absurdity. I suppose some people say, "That's the most absolutely ridiculous statement," but only when they are excited. "New York Sun."

One Grain of Wheat.

A German philosopher has calculated that a single grain of wheat produces fifty grains, and that these fifty will each produce fifty grains more, and so on. Thus he finds that the grain would develop in the following way: In the second year, 2,500 grains. In the third year, 125,000 grains. In the sixth year, 15,625,000 grains. In the twelfth year, 244,140,625 grains. The third year's crop would give 300 men a meal, leaving enough bran to feed eight pigs for one year. The produce of a single grain in the twelfth year would suffice to supply all the world with its food during their lifetime.

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PANAMA CANAL TOLLS.

AMERICA HOLDS FIRM.

Reuter's
[Service to the "Telegraph."]
London, February 17.
Reuter's correspondent at Washington reports that the Canal Committee of the Senate has rejected Senator Elihu Root's proposal for the repeal of the free tolls provision to American coastwise vessels from the Panama Canal Law.

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.

A very Successful Entertainment.

The crew of H.M.S. Monmouth gave a very successful entertainment at the Seamen's Institute, last night, Mr. W.G. Cassack being the promoter. There was a capital attendance and the well-arranged programme was made all the more successful by the selections played by the hand of S.M.S. Schornhorst. The programme was as follows:—
Pianoforte Selection, By one of the Boys; Song, "Pal o'mine" Feltham, Sto; Musical Duet, Short and Murphy, P.O.'s; Song, "I do love my wife, Briton, A. H. Song, "A Good Night To-night" Francis, P.O.; Banjo Solo, Neill, P.O. H.M.S. "Rosario"; Monologue, "Night Watchman," Bandle, M.L.I.; Song, Dunford, R.M.L.I., E.H.M.S. "Merlin"; Song, "Far Away," Bristow, A.B.; Musical Duet, Short and Murphy, P.O.'s; Duet and Patter Hampshire and Dunford (Merlin Troupe.) Step Dance, Nolan, F.T.I. Song, "What will the Congregation?" Feltham, Sto; Musical Trio, Merlin Troupe.

PAID UP CHEERFULLY.

A well dressed Chinese, said to be a new arrival in the Colony was charged before Mr. Hazeland at the Police Court, with being drunk.

Police evidence was to the effect that the defendant dined at a West Point restaurant and subsequently was found hopelessly inebriated on the steps of No. 7 Police Station. He was taken charge of by the police, who found \$58 on him. The defendant was delighted to find that his money had not been stolen and cheerfully paid a fine of \$3 for drunkenness.

ALLEGED COUNTERFEIT COINS.

A man was charged on remand, before Mr. O.D. Melbourne this morning, with being in possession of 100 counterfeit coins and was represented by Mr. Goldring, of Messrs. Goldring Barlow and Morrell. Mr. Goldring yesterday said the defence was that he had been employed in a shop which had failed, and his employers had been unable to pay his wages. He asked them to give him the counterfeit coins which they had taken in the course of business, so that he could take them to Canton to have them melted down. He was not trying to circulate the coins in the Colony. He believed these coins were melted down and the little good metal extracted. This case was dismissed to-day.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

The return showing the number of cases of communicable diseases which have been notified as occurring in this Colony, during the week ended February 15, show two fatal cases of bubonic, both being Chinese; five cases of diphtheria (one Portuguese, one French and three Chinese) of which two ended fatally, two of enteric (one Portuguese and one Chinese) and eight of small-pox. The small-pox cases include one British (imported) and seven Chinese; four deaths.

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WELCOME RAINS.

INDIAN ANXIETY RELIEVED.

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Reuter's correspondent at Delhi wires that general rain in Northern India is relieving the anxiety felt concerning the winter crop, after a drought extending over four months.

Good News from Australia.

Reuter's Melbourne correspondent states that good rains have fallen in Victoria and other States.

PLAN TO STUDY ANCIENT CHINA.

Washington, January 6.—The first comprehensive movement for the study of anthropology, civilization and the works of ancient Chinese was launched in Washington Saturday by a group of archaeologists and financiers meeting under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution. Foundations were laid for what is to be known as the American School of Archaeology in China. It is proposed that a school shall be established on the soil of China, as well as in the United States, and the work to be carried on will be of international scope.

Ten thousand dollars was appropriated to-day for a preliminary survey in the Chinese republic. This survey will cover about a year and a half, and will be made by Langdon Warner of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. It is said that the funds have already been privately subscribed for the cost of the work mapped out for the next eighteen months. To carry out the programme looking to the establishment of the school on the soil of China, Edwin T. Williams, first secretary of the United States Legation in China; Dr. Charles D. Tenney, United States Consul at Nanking and American Minister ex-officio, were named as a committee in charge.

The present Government in China is declared friendly to the purpose of the new organization, and is understood to be ready to assist the American school in every possible way.

OPIUM IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Chinese from the Rubi arrested.

The Manila customs service captured 15 kilos of opium and three kilos of morphine, valued at P5,000, on February 9, as it was being brought ashore in a small banca at 1.30 a.m. with the result that two Chinese members of the crew of the steamship Rubi are now free government boarders awaiting trial, observes the "Cablenews American."

The secret service men found a lonesome homebre in a banca, about midnight, on the 9th, heading for the bay, and as lone men in bancas have no special business heading for the bay, at that hour, the secret service men overhauled the banca, and searched the man. They found a letter calling for the delivery of a certain quantity of dope and a plan was immediately laid to get all the parties concerned in the deal. They sent the banca man on with instructions to carry through the deal just as if he hadn't been disturbed, which he did; and thereby earned his liberty. He went alongside the vessel, delivered his counter-signed letter and the dope was lowered into the banca through a port hole. The custom secret service men then boarded the ship and arrested two men concerned in the deal and charges have been filed against them for illegal importation.

NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

TELEGRAMS.

THE NEWS CONDENSED.

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The chief points of the Czar's reply to the autograph letter from the Austrian Emperor are given in a letter.

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Renewed interest is being displayed in the Davis Lawn Tennis Cup Competition, and many nations will compete this year.

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LOCAL.

Some further letters, dealing with boxing, appear in this issue.

Lady May paid a visit to the French Convent yesterday.

There were two fatal cases of bubonic plague reported in the Colony last week.

The C.Y.C. race for the "Also Gun" cup was sailed on Saturday and Sunday.

Easy work, for the most part, was the general order at the Race-course this morning.

Eight cases of small-pox, of which four proved fatal, were notified in the Colony last week.

The crew of H.M.S. Monmouth gave a very successful entertainment at the Seamen's Institute last night.

Mr. Melbourne this morning said that the courts at Home held that the three card trick was a game of skill.

We understand that the Rev. Fr Spada has been appointed to Milan as representative of the China Missions.

A charge of firing from an air-gun at a coolie was heard at the Police Court this morning, and was left unfinished.

To-morrow morning a memorial service will be held in St. John's Cathedral in memory of the late Captain Scott, and his companions.

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| 8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. | 10 min. |
| 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. | 15 min. |
| 11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. | 15 min. |
| 12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. | 10 min. |
| 1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. | 15 min. |
| 1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. | 10 min. |
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| 1.00 p.m. | to 5.00 p.m. | 15 min. |
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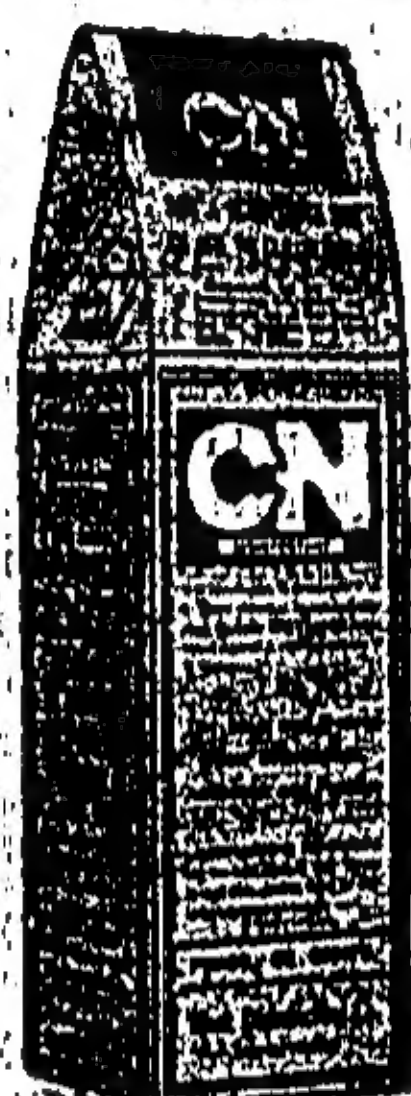


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OUR
CONTEMPORARIES.

South China Morning Post.

Japanese Criminal Procedure.
Nothing could more effectively illustrate the glaring defects of the Japanese criminal procedure than the circumstances attending the arrest and detention of Mr. Wheeler, in the Gen. Wheeler case now attracting widespread attention among foreigners in Japan. The fact that the details of this case have been cabled to England by Reuters a correspondent and that the English papers have characterized the Japanese proceedings as an outrage clearly indicates that the case has begun to assume far more than local importance. Mr. Wheeler was arrested on January 11 on the charge of obtaining money under false pretences, and at the time the last mail left Yokohama was still in prison, the application of his solicitors for bail having been refused notwithstanding the fact that Consul General John Carey Hall, in an interview with the judicial authorities, had been given to understand that bail would be granted at an early date. As the case is of the most complicated description, it is now seems probable, the accused is to be kept in jail until the completion of the preliminary examination, he may be deprived of his liberty, whether guilty or innocent, for several months.

Daily Press.

The Future of Mexico.
The United States has shown a capacity for absorption unequalled in the world. Within a century the French-speaking people of Louisiana have lost their individuality and become one with the great body of citizens of the Republic, and the same has been witnessed in the Spanish-speaking districts in the West and in the South. Bearing these historical facts in mind, it will become apparent that Mexico, with its population of some fifteen millions, has little hope of preserving its integrity in view of the strong pressure of the population from the North. The more virile race will in time enter into possession. The presence of a large body of American in Mexico, and the growth of powerful American interests in the country, create a situation similar in some respects to that which existed in the Transvaal, and absorption in some such manner as occurred in South Africa is not at all improbable in the case of Mexico.

China Mail.

A Gloomy Prophecy.
It is quite evident from the article in question, that Mr. Harrison is animated by his love of peace and goodwill; but that should not make it necessary for him to be quite so gloomy in his predictions. It certainly is worse than futile of him to advocate Great Britain's abandonment of her Mediterranean possessions, the withdrawal of our troops from India and the concentration of our Navy in Home Waters, or at least for the main purpose of defending our "food routes." Surely, Britain can not be in such a plight, Mr. Harrison apparently has little hope of the assistance we may unfailingly expect from France and Russia in Europe and Japan in the Far East. No matter how tricky a mouse may be, it runs a great risk when it startles a lion! This is a fair comparison at the present time. In the justice of the British Empire, in her ability to deal with the most alarming of possible antagonisms, it is the duty of all Britons to believe in calmly and inflexibly.

The Late Mr. C. Slimmon.
The death occurred on Feb. 11 of Mr. C. Slimmon, of the China Merchants S.N. Co. The deceased was a native of Cathcart, Lanarkshire, and had been in the service of the China Merchants Co. since 1901, being third engineer on board the str. Kungping. He was thirty-nine years of age.

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GENERAL NEWS

Sessions Charge Against Bank-directors.

Messrs. Mower and Oliphant, directors, and Mr. Strachan, the Manager of the Bank of Burma, have all been committed to the Sessions on a charge of cheating.

To represent Bengal Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. W. K. Dods, Agent of Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, will be the representative of the Bengal Chamber of Commerce on the Calcutta Improvement Trust, vice Mr. R. G. D. Thomas, resigned.

The only King who can vote. King Victor Emmanuel is now the only sovereign in the world who is entitled to vote. At his own request his Majesty's name was included among the list of voters which was recently increased owing to the new electoral reform which practically amounts to universal suffrage.

Spion Kop Bought for Zulu Mission.

Spion Kop, the mountain just outside the city of Ladysmith, Natal, South Africa, where the most deadly battle between the Boers and British was fought in 1900, has been purchased by the Seventh Day Adventists, and a mission farm, where the Zulus will be educated and Christianized will be established on it.

The New Station at Tokyo.

The Tokyo Central Railway Station, now under construction will, when completed, make one of the finest structures of the metropolis. According to Mr. Takegoro Okada, director of the construction department of the Railway Board, the station will be opened to traffic in plenty of time for the Coronation ceremonies.

Motoring Mania.

Berlin, January 21.—Speaking at a banquet of the German Motor-car Manufacturers' Association in Berlin, Prince Henry of Prussia, the Kaiser's brother, said that in England there was one motor-driven vehicle to every 249 persons; in France, one for every 441; in Germany, one for every 927. Possibly the excessive taxation of motor-cars in Germany was the reason for this. Germany annually produced motor-cars to the value of \$18,000,000, which should not be taxed higher than other pleasure vehicles.

Singapore Rikishas Traffic.

Since the bulk of rikishas traffic represents superfluous wealth, the following figures of Singapore are interesting says the "Free Press." During the Chinese New Year of the last three years the following were licensed.—

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| 1st class | 1011 | 1912 | 1913 |
| 2nd class | 1506 | 1888 | 2053 |
| Total | 7730 | 7582 | 7152 |

The average number on the streets was in 1910 8419; in 1911 8801; and in 1912 8931. In addition there were 985 private rikishas paying taxes. The proposed abolition of double rikishas may be the reason for the falling off in numbers during the end of the year. In August there were 9339 running and in December 8591. The nature of the revolution which would have been caused by the abolition of the rikishas can be judged from even the latter number. 7000 rikishas at an average value of \$50 is \$350,000.

Military Oppression in Kiangsi.

The "N. China Daily News" Kuikiang correspondent writes on February 4.—Last week a sample of present high-handed measures took place on the Poyang Lake near Hukeo. A native steam launch coming from Nanchang was hailed at Paifeng, about twenty miles from Hukeo, and ordered to tow a boat with soldiers to the lake. As it was evening and the water very low, the captain protested that it was impossible to do it without danger. The military officer then ordered the soldiers to fire blank cartridges in order to frighten the launchmen. Still the captain held out that he could not tow in the dark, whereupon the military officer drew his revolver and fired, with the result that the man at the helm was killed. An inquest was held at Kuikiang in the open on the shore, but, as far as we have been able to find out, the military officer was excused on the grounds that it was dark and it could be proven whether he shot the man or whether by accident one of the soldiers used a loaded instead of a blank cartridge.

LOCAL SPORT.

Civil Service Beaten.

The C.S.C. met the Kowloon C. C. at the Happy Valley on Saturday, the latter running out the winners after a most enjoyable friendly game by 43 runs. The score of the afternoon was that of L. N. Railton, who retired with 55 runs to his credit. The scores were—

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| C.S.C. | | | |
| Riley c and b Goldsmith | 13 | | |
| Bacon c Hunter b Goldsmith | 14 | | |
| Ellis b Goldsmith | 14 | | |
| C. Sara c Edwards b Goldsmith | 14 | | |
| R. Saunders b Curwen | 5 | | |
| R. Phillips b Goldsmith | 7 | | |
| F. Boller c Whyte b Overy | 23 | | |
| A. Bratbury not out | 0 | | |
| E. W. L. Watson b Overy | 7 | | |
| E. F. G. on b Goldsmith | 0 | | |
| J. Spittles c Croucher b Overy | 0 | | |
| Extras | 1 | | |
| Total | 85 | | |

Bowling.

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| Overy | 5 | 24 | 9 |
| Goldsmith | 9 | 2 | 28 |
| Curwen | 1 | 32 | 1 |

Kowloon.

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|-----------------------------------|-----|--|--|
| N. L. Railton, retired | 55 | | |
| Capt. Liddell, b Bacon | 22 | | |
| L. M. Whyte, b Dawson | 1 | | |
| Major Hunter, c Riley b Bradbury | 6 | | |
| W. Curwen, run out | 3 | | |
| H. E. Goldsmith, b Sara | 10 | | |
| A. Davidson, c and b Sara | 0 | | |
| H. Overy, run out | 9 | | |
| E. J. Edwards, c. Phillips b Sara | 7 | | |
| N. Croucher, b Sara | 6 | | |
| D. J. Mackenzie not out | 0 | | |
| Extras | 7 | | |
| Total | 127 | | |

Bowling.

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| Bradbury | 11 | 2 | 33 | 1 |
| Sara | 10 | 3 | 33 | 4 |
| Bacon | 4 | 0 | 21 | 1 |
| Dawson | 7 | 0 | 25 | 1 |
| Riley | 4 | 1 | 8 | 1 |

FOOTBALL.

Hongkong Challenge Shield Match.

A well played draw was the result of the match on Saturday between the Right Half Battalion, D.C.L.I. and the H.M.S. Tamar in the Challenge Shield, though the naval men looked up so well throughout the game that a win would have been a fair criterion of their merits.

The teams lined up as follows:—

Right Half Batta. D.C.L.I.:—Johnson, goal; Gill and "Fife," backs; Passmore, Holmes and List, halves; Moseley, Eardley Biddows, Smith No. 33, and Smith No. 8196, forwards.

H.M.S. Tamar:—Turner, goal; Tucker and Harcourt, backs; Neilson, Mees, and Mackay, half backs; Hodgkinson, Leight, Gloynes, Berry and Frost, forwards.

Though during the first half the navy kept up a pretty considerable pressure on the D.C.L.I.'s goal they were unable for some time to make any serious impression and it was only when a good opening came to Berry that the Navy scored their first and only goal of the match.

From the spectators' point of view the second half was by far the more interesting, the Tamar opening with a raid on the soldiers' goal, and Hodgkinson trying a hard shot which just went over the bar. From the goal kick, however the D. O. L. I. got away, Moseley getting well down the field on an individual run, only to be pulled up Harcourt who conceded a corner which was fruitless.

The goal for the D. O. L. I. was something in the nature of a surprise. Smith, No. 8196, had a clear run down on the left and with a nice swinging pass put the ball at the disposal of Moseley, who headed in. This was saved by the keeper but Eardley, securing the ball, put in a close quick shot and equalised affairs. Later on Biddows broke through the Naval defence and passed to Smith whose attempt was frustrated by the goalie. From then onward the Navy took a strong hand in the game and had it not been for Berry mis-kicking in front of what was practically an open goal, the necessary point to have secured a win would have been forthcoming.

The replay will be played on Tuesday, Smith replacing Gloynes in the Tamar's forward line.

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United Services League.

In the United Services League on Saturday the Left Half Battalion, D.C.L.I. met the 87th Co. R.G.A. in a well contested game that ended in a draw, the teams sharing two goals.

The goal for the 87th Co. came in the first half in an exciting manner, the goalie saving from a corner kick but putting the sphere into his own goal.

The D.C.L.I. equalised in the second half through the instrumentality of Bailie, who brought off a very fine shot.

BASEBALL.

The game that was played on Sunday afternoon at Happy Valley between a team from the s.s. Minnesota and a mine from the s.s. Siberia, resulted in almost a "white-wash" for the Siberians, the Minnesotans winning by 15 to one.

The many spectators were disappointed at the ease with which the Minnesotans connected with Rotherbury, (pitcher for the Siberians), knocking out several home runs on his delivery, although he had a good "out" and a hard straight ball. It must be said, however, that the Siberians were crippled in their team, substitutes having been recruited.

The fielding was poor on both sides, with the exception of Smith's work for the Siberians at R.F., and Knoll's clever gathering in of everything that came his way at the same position for the Minnesotans. Bears pitched an excellent game for the "Minnies," although his arm bothered him because of his having pitched a long game against the U.S.S. Callao team on Saturday.

The line up was:—

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| Minnesota. | Siberians. |
| Knoll | R.E. Smith |
| Buchanan | L.F. Gulliken |
| Grove | C.F. Longfellow |
| Peterson | S.S. Black |
| Geisler | C. Pillatt |
| Beers | P. Rotherbury |
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HONGKONG, TUESDAY.

THE SAFETY OF THE EMPIRE.

At the conclusion of the Boer War there were many who, without scruple and with confidence, told us that Great Britain was sapped of all her old strength and that the British Empire would soon fall to pieces. In part, no doubt, this opinion was due to envy, but it was honestly believed in many quarters. That conception seems terribly absurd to-day in view of the fact that, in a short time, the British Navy will be strengthened by at least half a dozen Dreadnoughts freely given to Great Britain by various parts of the Empire. Canada, as a telegram informed us on Saturday, has gifted three. These are evidence of a growing and deepening unity, such as cannot be misunderstood. Increasing unity means increasing strength to the Empire; and to outsiders this development must be very impressive. The break-up of the British Empire must now be a discarded theory.

At Home, too, there is a greatly quickened spirit in evidence, so far as the Navy is concerned. A careful perusal of the Home papers for some time past has made it perfectly clear that the Admiralty is on the alert and fully prepared for any eventuality. The ship-building yards are displaying abnormal activity. Tremendous efforts are being made to get ready for sea every possible vessel during the next few months. In some ship-building yards, we read, work goes on night and day from Monday morning to Saturday night, and, in some cases, covers Sunday as well. Engineering firms and ordnance manufacturers have also adopted the same speeding-up methods. The annual refits of ships, again, are being carried on more rapidly than usual. More vessels are taken in hand at one time than is customary and the time usually allowed for the refit is reduced by 20 per cent. Quite evidently the purpose of the Admiralty is to have the Navy at its strongest and fittest in the spring of this year. All this acceleration must be costing the Home country not a little extra money, for original building tenders did not include expensive working in the shape of overtime and increased wages which always attend a rush. But extra expenditure which more nearly ensures safety, should prove a sound investment in the long run.

With the Admiralty alert and active, the War Fleet, which has been in existence over a year, doing sound work, and the fleet at its strongest, the outlook is bright. Add to this the magnificent gifts of the Colonies and Dominions, and the safety of the Empire seems even more firmly secured. To be sure, the various gifts will not be ready for sea for quite a time to come, but the bare fact that they have been made at all must already have had its effect. These gifts show to other nations that the Empire is firmly welded together by the same spirit of patriotism—is a united whole—and that to such one part of it, is to set that whole quivering in sympathy, or anger. And that, of itself, is a great step forward.

"Flower Street."

A good many complaints are sent, from time to time, to the local press regarding the condition of Wyndham Street. No one wants to prevent the flower-sellers from earning an honest living, but we think most of our readers will agree that it is time that this little flower market was kept under such police control that it will cease to be a nuisance and interfere less with the comfort of those who have to pass through, or to live in, Wyndham Street. At certain times of the day, between flower-vendors, coal-porters and idlers, the roadway is next to impassable for pedestrians. Not only so, but the footway is made dangerous and unpleasant by water and leaf-waste, and so far as we can see, but little attempt is made to force the hawkers (who have, we believe, no licences) to clear away the rubbish when they leave off work. Decaying vegetable matter lying in the gutters makes a useful breeding-place for mosquitoes and other abominations. These vendors are at times, a menace to the public and most of the time cheeky, impudent and insolent, in two languages—principally in Chinese. Are they licensed?

If not, why not?

If we could only employ them as newsboys, they would be run in very quickly.

The Demolition of the Temples.

There is something very pathetic about the half-heartedness displayed by the people of Anhui over the demolishing of their temples and idols. They remind us very much of school-boys who have started on a mischief-campaign and are not quite sure as to how far they dare go in defiance of authority. The learned heads of the Republic, many of whom have jumped from extremes of superstition to extremes of would-be scientific agnosticism—if not of Voltaireism—have told them that the gods wherein they trusted are powerless to help them. Therefore, in order to look big, they have dethroned the idols, albeit with a sneaking sense that no good will come of their action. The cruellest thing in this world is to rob a man of his religious faith when you have a man of culture chooses to throw away the beliefs of his childhood, and to put in their place the sorry conclusions of philosophy, it is his own look-out; if he finds these hollow, he has no one but himself to thank. But when the ignorant man is robbed of his faith, he is finished altogether; he is empty, helpless and hopeless. Wherefore we would say to China "Go slow!"

The Davis Cup.

Tennis players in Hongkong who take an interest in the larger doings in the lawn tennis world will be interested in reading the telegram appearing elsewhere showing the revived concern manifested in the Davis Cup Competition. After a period of poor form on the part of British players, due largely to a dearth of young players, Britain won the Cup from Australia in the last contest, and the success has led to a new spirit of rivalry among the nations, with the result that the Competition has now become a great international event. This year there will be at least seven nations entering the contest, and doubtless there will be a magnificent struggle for the possession of the trophy, especially since Continental players have come so much to the fore in recent years. Three seasons ago interest in competing for the blue ribbon of the tennis lawn was practically dead; there was not even a contest, the British Isles and America both allowing Australia, the holders, a walk-over. The present situation contrasts very markedly with that state of affairs, and this year's matches will be followed with the greatest interest in all parts of the world.

Dumping Rubbish.

A man was charged this morning, before Mr. F. A. Haveland at the Police Court, with dumping rubbish in Second St., West Point, and was fined \$5.

Too Many Passengers.

The master of a passenger boat was fined \$5 by Commander Basil Taylor, R.N., at the Marine Court this morning, for carrying five passengers over his licensed number.

DAY BY DAY.

You never show old age until you try to hide it.

D. C. L. Dance.

In connection with the D.C.L. Dance to-night there will be a special tram to the Peak at 2.30 a.m. and a special ferry from the Army Service Corps Pier between 2.30 a.m. and 3 a.m.

Fairway Obstruction.

At the Marine Court, this morning, four boatwomen were fined \$1 each by Commander Basil Taylor, R.N., for mooring their boats in a manner that caused obstruction in the Southern Fairway.

Field Firing.

Field Firing will be carried out by the 20th Punjab, to-morrow, commencing at 10 a.m. from a point 1 mile north of Tan Chuk Hang, in a westerly direction towards the hills north-east of Tu Ty Au.

Imitative.

A Chinese, in the witness box at the Police Court created a little laughter by anticipating formalities by at once kissing the Bible. It transpired later that he was not a Christian, and the usual declaration was administered. Possibly the man had seen Europeans take the oath in the old manner.

New Story Wanted.

"Can't he think of some other story?" was Mr. Melbourne's cynical enquiry this morning, after hearing a very lucid description of how a prisoner, charged with stealing sugar cane, bought the goods. Failure on the part of prisoner to improve his story involved imprisonment for fourteen days.

An Obsolete Stamp.

A Chinese charged, before Mr. Melbourne at the Police Court this morning, with using an obsolete receipt stamp for receipting a bill, explained the error was due to ignorance. He had paid the Government five cents for the stamp and thought he was quite entitled to use it, as he was not defrauding the revenue, he claimed. He was fined \$1.

We are assured that those attending the sale of work at Union Church to-morrow, from 3 o'clock, will find the prices as moderate as before. There will be no need for the juveniles to bring laughs with them; the operetta at 5.15 will provoke plenty. An excellent programme has been arranged by Mr. Lam-mert for the concert at 9 o'clock.

Leave of Absence.

Station leave is granted to the undermentioned officers for the periods stated:—Colonel C.R.W. St. John, C.E., from 17th to 28th February, inclusive; Captains, E.A. Dickinson and G.C. Tracy, 2nd Bn. D.O.L.F., from 21st to 24th February, inclusive; leave of absence on private duty, to Australia, is granted to Lieut. P.R.M. Collins, R.C., from 29th March to 29th September, inclusive.

French Convent.

On Monday morning at 11 o'clock, Lady May, accompanied by Miss May and Mrs. Dickson, visited the French Convent. She was received in the hall by Reverend Mother Superior, the sisters, the European School-Children and the Chinese Orphans. An address of welcome was read to Lady May by Miss Vera Grees, a pupil of the upper class, while a smaller pupil presented a bouquet. Lady May then visited the class and other departments of the Institution and was deeply interested in the different kinds of work carried on in the establishment.

Victoria Theatre.

The Victoria is offering unusual attractions to its patrons just now, for, in addition to Miss Elsa Willson, whose magnificent soprano voice has given so much pleasure to music-lovers during the past few weeks, the management has been able to secure the services of M. Ossipoff, the well-known Russian baritone. Those who heard M. Ossipoff when he gave a recital at the City Hall some time ago are aware that he has an exceptionally fine voice. Those who have not heard him should do so without delay. It is to be hoped that both he and Miss Willson will yet make a long stay in Hongkong.

BUILDING IN HONGKONG.

The Housing of Europeans.

[SPECIAL ARTICLE.]

Since the beginning of 1912 the appearance of the city of Victoria has undergone a very marked change for the better, and one is glad to think that architectural improvements are still going on. The most noticeable are those in that part of Des Voeux Road between the Cricket Ground and the Victoria Theatre, where one or two new buildings like those of Messrs. Powell and Messrs. Whiteaway Laidlaw, the smartening-up of the King Edward Hotel, the partial reconstruction of Messrs. Noronha's old premises next to the Canton Bank, the completion of the Law Courts and the fencing in of the "finest site," have contributed largely to the making of what will one day be an exceptionally handsome thoroughfare.

The Western End.

Of Des Voeux Road, West of the P. and O. offices it is not possible to speak in terms of very high praise, for, with a few exceptions, there is little, at present, to distinguish it from an ordinary Chinatown street. This, we presume, must remain the case, unless some by-law is introduced whereby the premises on both sides of the road, as far as (let us say) the Central Market, are either entirely Europeanised or else at least restricted to the business uses of the better class of Chinese tradesmen. The same may be said of the Queen's Road between the Clock Tower and the Fire Station.

Residential Property.

As regards residential property the builders have also been busy, not only in the Pokfulam neighbourhood but in Caine Road and its vicinity, and further out, in Wanchai, where the erection of blocks of small flats has not only improved the appearance of the neighbourhood but has offered comfortable housing-room to a number of Europeans of limited incomes.

But welcome as these latter places are, they are but a drop in the bucket of Hongkong's need where the housing of Europeans are concerned. With the proposed Portuguese reservation at Wong-nei-cheong we have already dealt at some length, and we shall revert to it later. At present it is well to draw attention to the scheme in hand for building—also in the Wong-nei-cheong neighbourhood—rows of houses for European occupation.

Wong-nei-cheong.

By the courtesy of the architect, we have been able to see the plans of these houses and, in our view, they will go far towards solving the problem of how a European can live comfortably and yet pay a low rent. We understand that building will go forward immediately the plans have been passed by the authorities.

The plans at present provide for the erection of ten houses, but this is but the initial step towards the gradual erecting of quite a colony of such buildings. In external appearance the projected row of houses will be decidedly handsome and ornamental, and the whole will be set off with a clock-tower in the centre. Each house will consist of four floors, and tenants will be able to rent the whole house for some-where about ninety or a hundred dollars, or two floors (i.e. two bedrooms and two sitting-rooms, with servants' quarters) for about fifty dollars. The position chosen is at the foot of Happy Valley, which means that the front of the houses will look along the race-course and the back on to Wong-nei-cheong Gap. We hope soon to hear that building has begun here.

A Turf King.

Nopatron of the turf in America, England, France or Germany ever won as much money with his racehorses as did the late James R. Keene. In the 33 years he was connected with the sport his racing colours flashed home first in all the turf classics of America, England and France, with the exception of the English Derby. During his long career as breeder and owner his horses won £600,000—a record that has never been approached by any other turfman.

TRAINING NOTES.

Ponies Have an Easy Morning.

There was but a moderate attendance at the Racecourse this morning when easy work for the most part was the general order. Sir Beamaris with Mr. David up negotiated a quarter burst in 29 dead, moving in springy fashion. Darbar Chief moved nicely and was not pushed in covering a mile and a quarter in 2-51.2-5, last quarter 33.2-5. Capello went a good striding gallop of a mile and a half in 3-35.2-5; last quarter 31. Jambolini was not stripped of his clothing when he did his half mile in 1-06; last quarter 31, but he moved freely nevertheless. Sunlight galloped with Barford over three quarters. The ponies kept together until the final quarter when Barford won easily by two lengths. Time 1-36.4-5.

The jockeys were expected to arrive early this morning and witness the gallops. It was communicated, however, that the steamer by which they were travelling would not arrive before 9.30 a.m. Just as the ponies had completed their morning's work light rain commenced to fall. The following times were recorded:—Lachine (3-4 mile) 37.2-5, 1-12.2-5, 1-45.1-5; Lq. 32.4-5. Darbar Chief (1 1/2 mile) 35, 1-09.2-5, 1-45, 2-18, 2-51.2-5; Lq. 32.2-5.

Rosyth (1 1/2 mile) 37.2-5, 1-15, 1-52, 2-27.2-5, 3-02.3-5; Lq. 35.1-5.

Joe Mighty (1 1/2 mile) 41, 1-17.2-5, 1-55.1-5, 2-32.2-5, 3-06.4-5, 3-40.1-5; Lq. 33.2-5.

Ambition (1 mile) 36.1-5, 1-14.4-5, 1-45.4-5, 2-22.2-5; Lq. 32.2-5.

Sandringham (1 mile) 30.1-5, 1-17, 1-55.3-5, 2-30, 3-03; Lq. 33. Jambolini (1 mile) 35, 1-06; Lq. 31 (not stripped).

Fijian Chief (1 1/2 mile) 37.2-5, 1-14.3-5, 1-51.2-5, 2-25, 2-56.4-5; Lq. 31.4-5.

Silverton (1 mile) 41, 1-21.2-5, 2-01.2-5; Lq. 40.

Head or Tail (1 1/2 mile) 25.7-4-5; Lq. 33.1-5.

Sir Beamaris (1 mile) 29, 1-08.2-5, 1-36.4-5.

Barford (1 mile) 34, 1-05.2-5, then won easily by two lengths.

Grey Leg (1 1/2 mile) 40, 1-17.1-5, 1-52.3-5, 2-25, 2-50.4-5, 3-35; Lq. 35.1-5.

Twenty Men joined above once round.

Olerio (1 mile) 36.2-5, 1-10.1-5, 1-40.4-5; Lq. 30.3-5.

Sir Bedivere (1 mile) 30.2-5 (Hard held).

Floral (1 mile) 36.3-5, 1-14.1-5, 1-47, 2-20.3-5; Lq. 33.3-5.

Second Thoughts (1 mile) 34, 1-03, 1-42; Lq. 34.

Singular galloped with above.

Barneo Chief (1 mile) 33.3-5, 1-05.1-5, 1-36.3-5; Lq. 31.2-5.

Pawnee (1 mile) 37.2-5, 1-14, 1-50, 2-25.2-5, 2-53.4-5; Lq. 33.2-5.

Muti Hafid galloped with above.

Petherton (1 mile) 34.2-5, 1-49, 2-24.3-5; Lq. 35.3-5.

Cadzawa Radonit (1 mile) 37, 1-10.1-5, 1-43.3-5; Lq. 33.2-5.

Alvand (1 mile) 41, 1-10.3-5, 1-53.2-5, 2-36.3-5, 3-07.1-5; Lq. 33.3-5.

Drozhen (1 mile) 38.3-5 1-15; Lq. 36.2-5.

Berwick (1 mile) 38.2-5, 1-11.4-5, 1-47, 2-23.3-5; Lq. 36.3-5.

Violini (1-4 mile) 31.

Capello (1-12 mile) 40, 1-16.2-5, 1-53.2-5, 2-29.1-5, 3-04.2-5, 3-35.2-5; Lq. 31.

Powhattan joined above last quarter.

Revenue (1-4 mile) 31.

Bruno (1-12 miles, 1 mile) 34, 1-07.2-5, 1-40.2-5, 2-14.1-5; Lq. 33.4-5. (Full time 3-30).

Dunboyne galloped with above.

Summerston (1 mile) 1-34, 36.2-5, 1-13.4-5, 1-53.3-5; Lq. 36.4-5.

Smoking and Motoring.

The municipal authorities of Berlin have forbidden men to smoke while driving automobiles, ruling that many accidents have been due to the practice.

Inverted Lamps.

Incandescent lamps, in which the filaments are in the form of an inverted cone, have been found to give one-fifth more light than those of the same size in which filaments form cylinders.

SUNGEI WAY ESTATE.

Some Facts Furnished by the Engineer.

Hongkong residents will hold stock in the Sungai Way rubber estate may find interesting matter in the following facts, which have been supplied to the "Telegraph" by Mr. W. Muir, engineer to the estate.

The Sungai Wai, which is seven miles out of Kuala Lumpur, is one of the older plantations, and has now been tapping for some six years; its present average output per month is about 30,000 lbs. There are 2,000 acres in bearing and, in addition, the directors look forward confidently to being able to acquire further land in the mining region round about. It may not be generally known that Sungai Wai is under the same directorship as Highlands and Lowlands. Locally it is under the control of Mr. J. Witton—the manager—an engineer, and four European assistants, and it is spoken of in the Malay States as one of the best managed estates in the Far East. Financially there can be no second opinion as to the company's standing. In 1911 it paid 45 per cent, and Mr. Muir considers that the returns for 1912 will show something like 150 per cent. Hongkong investors are aware that the concern was started with a capital of £50,000 in £1 shares, and that the current price of the stock is now £4-15—375 per cent. premium.

Labour.

The number of coolies now employed on the estate is "thousand; seven hundred of whom are Tamils and the remainder Chinese. Sungai Wai is singularly fortunate over its labour matters, for we are informed that no serious trouble between the coolies and the management has ever arisen. Mr. Muir believes strongly that the European who knows his business can easily gain and keep control over large gangs of coolies without resorting to over-strictness; the Tamils, in his opinion, are especially tractable and easy to control. The labour payment at Sungai Wai is 35 cents a day for a Tamil and 64 for a Chinese; the coolies are not held by contract, and may leave on giving reasonable notice.

Good Management.

Speaking of the fatal attack on Mr. Oakley in Johore, Mr. Muir said: "Such things need not be, if people had more sense. I'm not blaming individuals or individual estates. There are times when coolies are apt to be insubordinate, but no well-managed estate goes in for murders or murderous attacks—at least that is my opinion." "We gather that money spent on machinery at Sungai Wai has been laid out to very good purpose. Mr. Muir has just erected a scrap-washer which cleanses the bark off from sand and dirt, and so saves the wear and tear of the rubber machines, of which the estate has six—five for macerating and one for making sheet. The latex taken from the trees is put into tins for a few hours, after which it assumes a doughy consistency, and is then passed through the sheet machine as through a mangle.

A Clean Estate.

The weeding of the estate is attended to scrupulously, two assistants having to make this their special charge; under their guidance, coolie gangs weed every inch of the plantation once a month, and, though the outcrops are swampy, the obnoxious *alang* (a kind of flag grass) which is such a source of worry to managers of newer estates, never shows its head. Hitherto no catch-crops have been cultivated here.

Asked about cocoa-nut growing in that part of the F. M. S., Mr. Muir said that there are a few large estates owned by British companies, but that, in the main, the industry is in the hands of the Malays. The price of nuts in that district has gone up largely, single nuts not now being obtainable for less than five or six cents. There is a little good coconut land near the coast, but, on the whole, Mr. Muir is of opinion that the warning issued to intending investors in land in the F. M. S. for cocoa-nut growing purposes was by no means ill-timed or unnecessary.

LATE CAPTAIN SCOTT.

Memorial Service To-morrow.

To-morrow morning at 11 o'clock a solemn memorial service will be held in St. John's Cathedral in memory of the late Capt. Scott and his companions who perished after reaching the South Pole.

The service, which is being arranged by the Army and Military Authorities, will be conducted by the Rev. Mr. Moreton, Naval Chaplain, while the music for the service will be sung by a military choir the accompaniment being supplied by the band of the D.O.L.I. Regiment.

A sermon will be preached by the Rev. Mr. Moreton.

Mr. Denman Fuller will play "The Dead March" in Gael, on the organ.

H.E. the Governor will attend, and it is expected that there will be a large congregation.

FATHER SPADA'S APPOINTMENT.

Local Catholics Opposed to His Leaving.

Information reaches us to the effect that the Rev. Father G. M. Spada has been appointed a representative for four years of the Chinese Missions at the headquarters in Milan.

Hongkong Catholics are very loath to lose so hard-working and popular a priest, and they still hope that Fr. Spada may be allowed to refuse the appointment. He has worked in the East for over twenty years, is a very distinguished scholar and linguist (speaking English, French, Italian, Portuguese, Hakka and Cantonese) and the general feeling is that a priest so useful and experienced can ill be spared from China. Fr. Spada has travelled widely in China and is perfectly familiar with all conditions of life between here and Peking.

It is greatly to be hoped that the authorities will not insist upon his accepting the new appointment.

BILLIARDS.

In connection with the competition for the Soldiers' Challenge Cup which commenced yesterday evening at the Soldier's Club before a good attendance, a very interesting match was played between the Hongkong Police and Warders, and the 33rd, Co. R.G.A. Gunner Goodwin of the 83rd. Co. beat Sgt. Davoney by 200 to 140, the former's best breaks being 16, 11, 11. Sgt. Fowler of the Police, beat Gunner Daugherty by a narrow margin of 200 to 175, the winner making as his best breaks 24, 16, and the loser 34, and 14. The remaining game to be played in the first round is H.K. V.I. Res. v. R.E. (B.).

THREE CARD TRICK.

A Game of Skill.

Mr. C. D. Melbourne at the Police Court, this morning, mentioned a case in which a man was charged with street gambling. The three card trick was the particular form of gambling indulged in.

It appeared that there were already two previous convictions against the defendant for a similar offence.

Mr. Melbourne remarked that, unfortunately, it had been held in the courts at home that the three card trick was a game of skill, and consequently he could not fine him for it.

The case was remanded. Subsequently the defendant was fined for obstruction only.

STEAMER ASHORE.

Towed Off by the s.s. Chunsang.

The Indo-China S. N. Co.'s s.s. Chun Sang arrived in port to-day from Sandakan and Cap. O. J. Matlock, in command, reported that on January 26th, he sighted the s.s. Yi Lung ashore on Raah Reef (Lat. 4 deg. 10 N., Long. 118 deg. 18 E.). He really one of skill, when the police stood by the stranded vessel until the light, when the Chun Sang succeeded in towing her off, and then proceeded on her trip.

COOLIE'S COMPLAINT.

Alleges that He was shot at by Man with Air-gun.

This morning at the Police Court, before Mr. O.D. Melbourne, a European was charged by Wu Kwong, with unlawfully and wantonly discharging a certain missile, to wit, a pellet from an air-gun to the danger of persons at The Albany, and with unlawfully assaulting Wu Kwong by firing at him with an air-gun at The Albany, at about 9 a.m.

Mr. J.H. Gardiner appeared for the complainant, and defendant, who pleaded not guilty, appeared in person.

Mr. Gardiner said that the complainant was a coolie in the employ of Mr. Arnold, and, on the date in question, went to the Ice Depot to get ice. He obtained that at about 9 a.m., and arrived with it, shortly after, on the premises, opposite the defendant's house. As he got there a pellet from an air-gun was fired from a window in the defendant's house, and he felt a sudden blow in the right forearm, which caused him considerable pain. He ran to his mistress and complained. He afterwards reported the matter to the police.

Complainant's Story.

The complainant said he had been engaged by Mr. Arnold of No. 3, The Albany, since February 1. On the date in question he went to get ice, and as he was just between No. 2 and 3, on his return, something was shot through a window, being accompanied by the report of an air-gun. The noise came from No. 2. The defendant called him back, by waving his hand; he did not, however, say anything. The pellet hit him in the right forearm, causing his arm to swell. He made a complaint to his master and afterwards to the police. He had never been warned not to go along the path he was on, and in fact his master had told him the path was public.

Defendant:—Did you actually see me with the air-gun?—Yes. You saw me with it in my hand?—Yes; when I turned round.

When you went home who did you see?—I saw my master.

What did he say?—My master told me I could use the road, and if anyone did anything to me I could tell the police.

What did you do?—I went to the station and told the police.

Were you incapacitated from work?—I could not carry any heavy thing. I had to take a chair to the police station.

Did you show the mark to anyone?—I showed it to the Police and to my master.

Did you want to take out the summons in the first instance or did your mistress insist on you taking it out?—I wanted to.

A Road at the Back.

Isn't there a road at the back for servants?—That is blocked up.

At whose suggestion did you engage a solicitor in this case?—Well, my master told me, if I wanted to take out a summons to go to the Police Station or go and see Mr. Gardiner.

When did he tell you to go to Mr. Gardiner?—At eight thirty this morning.

Later witness said his master mentioned it before but he had no time to go then. He saw Mr. Gardiner at eight o'clock yesterday morning.

Mr. Gardiner:—When you were shot did you report it to your master or mistress?—My mistress.

Was your master there?—No.

Where was he?—At the office.

The case was adjourned until Saturday March 1.

CHARGE OF GAMBLING.

The case was continued this afternoon at the Police Court, before Mr. C.D. Melbourne, in which thirteen men were charged with gambling in a house in Connaught Road.

The charge was preferred by Sgt. Davoney, and Mr. Leo D'Almada a Chinese defendant.

One of the defendants said they were playing a game, which was really one of skill, when the police broke open the door and came in.

The case was proceeding as we went to press.

IMPORTANT CASE.

Claim For the Cancellation of An Agreement.

Mr. Justice Gompertz, sitting in original jurisdiction, this afternoon heard the case in which Burjori Nasserwanji Talati was plaintiff and Merwanji Pallonji Talati the defendant.

The claim was for the cancellation of an agreement dated July 22nd, 1911, made between plaintiff on the first part and the defendant on the second part, and Ellis Kadoorie and Ivor Gorgey on the third part. The defendant also asks for the agreement to be delivered up to him or for damages, and claims costs of action.

Mr. Eldon Potter and Mr. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. Bruton, or Messrs. Bruton and Heit, appeared for the plaintiff, and Messrs. M. Slade, K.C., Sharp K.C. and Alabaster, instructed by Mr. Shenton, of Messrs. Deacon Looker, Deacon and Harston for the defendants.

Mr. Potter said this was an action in which they asked for the rescission of a contract under an agreement dated July 22nd 1911, or in the alternative for damages.

The pleadings were:—The plaintiff resided in Hornby Road, Bombay, in the Empire of India, and is a gentleman. The defendant resided at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, and is a merchant. On or about the 10th day of December, 1908, the plaintiff recovered judgment against the defendant and others in the High Court of Bombay, in suit No. 478, of 1908, for the sum of rupees 355,559 and 14 annas. On the second day of April, 1911, the plaintiff commenced Original Jurisdiction, Action No. 50 of 1911, in the Supreme Court of Hongkong against the defendant upon the aforesaid judgment to recover the amount due from the defendant to him thereunder. In or about the month of July, 1911, the defendant in order to induce the plaintiff to enter into an agreement to compromise the above mentioned actions verbally made to the plaintiff in Hongkong the following representations: (a) "That the defendant was possessed of, or otherwise well entitled to, the right to import into the Empire of China 140 cases of Persian Opium during the years 1912 to 1916 both inclusive, under certain permits which had been granted to him by the Imperial Maritime Customs of the Empire of China and that he had the right to transfer such permits and the right to import the said 140 cases of opium into China thereunder to such person or persons as he should think fit."

(b) "That it was the intention of the Imperial Maritime Customs of the Empire of China to allow Persian opium to be imported into China during the said years, 1912 to 1916, both inclusive, under permits in that behalf which had been granted by them."

Relying upon the representations aforesaid, the plaintiff entered into an agreement in writing, dated the 22nd day of July, 1911, made between himself of the first part, the defendant of the second part, and one Ellis Kadoorie and one Ivor Gorgey of the third part, whereby in consideration of the defendant granting or purporting to grant to the plaintiff for his agent the right to import into the Empire of China the said 140 cases of opium under the above mentioned permits and in consideration of the defendant's paying the plaintiff the sum of \$12,000 Hongkong currency, the plaintiff agreed to withdraw the said action, No. 50 of 1911, against the said defendant and release the right and interest which he might have, or might at any time obtain, against the defendant under or by virtue of the said judgment recovered by him in the High Court of Bombay in the said suit No. 478 of 1908.

The case was proceeding as we went to press.

Chinese Passengers.

The s.s. Ballerophon, which arrived in port to-day from Seattle and Victoria, B.C., brought 59 Chinese passengers to Hongkong.



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"CORDELL'S NIPPER" EXPLAINS.

[To the Editor, of the Hongkong "Telegraph."]

Sir,—As there seems to be quite a lot of doubt as to why I did not fight on Saturday I shall be glad if you will publish this letter explaining my non-appearance. On weighing in at 6 o'clock I was slightly overweight and as my opponent did not make any objections, I thought he would light. If he had objected I could easily have taken off the extra weight inside of half an hour, but it was too late to do so at 9 o'clock when he would not light. The only reason I can offer for being overweight is the fact that during the three days previous to the contest I was unable to do any hard work or sparring owing to an injury. But should Mr. Imail wish again to challenge me, I will meet him at any date and anywhere, weighing 118 lbs. at 4 o'clock on the day of the fight.

As to Maher's challenge, who by the way scaled 135 lbs on Saturday evening and claims to be the Local Champion (?), I accept the same, providing he can make the Bantam limit. Failing this I will let him in at 122 lbs. Referring to side stepping him, he apparently does not understand the meaning of the word, as so far a match has never been arranged between us. I believe he wanted to box me on Saturday night when my fight fell through, but are there any Bantams that will give a Bantam fight to any Champion?

C. D. MARRIOTT, Hongkong, February 18, 1913.

Kid Marriott's Reply.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—As one of the Sports of the Colony I beg to draw your attention to the letter in your issue of the 17th referring to Saturday's Boxing match. I have taken an interest in Boxing and various other Sports for the last 16 years, ten of which have been spent in the Colony, and I have always been willing to amuse the sporting class of the Colony and have one of the best records of any man the Colony. No doubt "Boxiana" will be kind enough as a gentleman, to give his name; then we could see another foolish match a few weeks hence. I trust that he is not ashamed to make a fool of himself in the sporting circles of the Colony. I have fought all the best leather weights who have come into the Colony since 1903 and I have only been beaten by Iron Box and Smith, and lost one fight on a foul.

Yours etc., KID MARRIOTT, Ex. Bantam, and Feather Champion of the Orient. Hongkong, Feb. 18th, 1913.

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"SHIRE" LINE SERVICE

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(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

| For | Steamers | DATE OF DEPARTURE. |
|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| LONDON & ANTWERP | CARMARTHENSIRE | 1st March. |
| SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | DEN OF GLAMIS | 10th March. |

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TUESDAY, 18th FEBRUARY.
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WEDNESDAY, 19th FEBRUARY.
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EXCURSION TO MACAO

SUNDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY.

The Company's Steamship,

"SUI AN."

will depart from the Company's WING LOK STREET WHARF at 9 a.m. and return from Macao at 5 p.m.

N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at 7.30 a.m. and from Hongkong at 12.30 p.m. from the Company's WING LOK STREET WHARF.

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S.S. "SAINAM," 598 Tons, and "NANNING," 582 Tons.

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(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

| Destination | Steamers | Sailing Dates. |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| CALCUTTA &c. | JINSEN MARU Capt. M. Machida T. 6,000 | SATURDAY, 22nd February. |
| SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE | KAMAKURA MARU Capt. T. Hori T. 12,500 | WEDNESDAY, 27th February. |
| KOBE & YOKOHAMA | KITANO MARU Capt. F. E. Cope T. 16,000 | THURSDAY, 27th Feb., 11 a.m. |
| AMERICA &c. | SHIDZUOKA MARU Capt. F. Iriawa T. 12,500 | TUESDAY, 25th Feb., at Noon. |
| | STAMBA MARU Capt. J. Teranaka T. 12,500 | TUESDAY, 11th March, at noon. |
| EUROPE &c. | ATSUTA MARU Capt. J. Nagao T. 16,000 | WEDNESDAY, 26th Feb., at daylight. |
| | TACHIBANA MARU Capt. T. Yamawaki T. 13,000 | WEDNESDAY, 12th March, at daylight. |
| N'ZAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA | YAWATA MARU Capt. F. Sekine T. 7,000 | WEDNESDAY, 12th March, at Noon. |
| AUSTRALIA &c. | YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sekine T. 7,000 | WEDNESDAY, 9th April, at noon. |

† Cargo only.

† Fitted with new system of wireless telegraphy.

PASSENGER SEASON FOR 1913.

FOR EUROPE.

| Steamer. | Tons displacement. | Leaving H.K. |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Akita Maru | 16,000 | 26th February. |
| Hitachi Maru | 16,000 | 12th March. |
| Miyazaki Maru | 16,000 | 26th March. |
| Kitano Maru | 16,000 | 9th April. |
| Iyo Maru | 12,500 | 23rd April. |
| Hirano Maru | 16,000 | 7th May. |
| Tango Maru | 18,500 | 21st May. |

FOR AMERICA.

| Steamer. | Tons displacement. | Leaving H.K. |
|----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Shidzuoka Maru | 12,500 | 25th February. |
| Tamba Maru | 12,500 | 11th March. |
| Awa Maru | 12,500 | 25th March. |
| Sado Maru | 12,500 | 4th April. |
| Yokohama Maru | 12,500 | 22nd April. |
| Inaba Maru | 12,500 | 6th May. |
| Shidzuoka Maru | 12,500 | 20th May. |

(Subject to change without notice.)

T. KUSUMOTO, Manager.

CHINA NAVIGATION
CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For Steamers To Sail.

PAKHOI & HAIPHONG ... "SINGAN" ... 19th Feb., at 10 a.m.

SHANGHAI ... "ANHUI" ... 20th Feb., at 4 p.m.

SHANGHAI ... "CHENAN" ... 22nd Feb., Midnight

This steamer has superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in State-rooms. A fully qualified Doctor is carried. Reduced Fares, Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.

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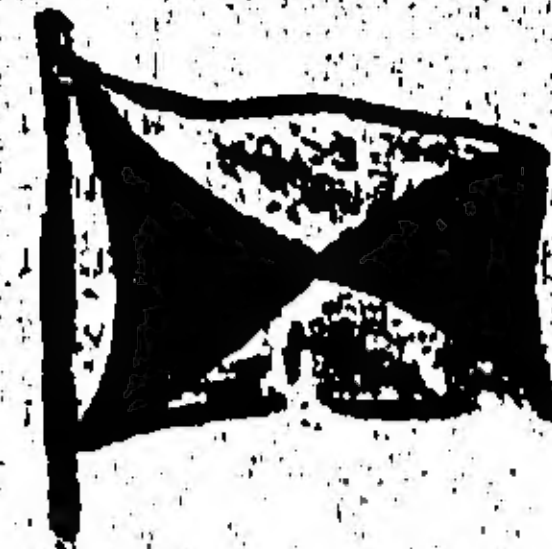
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PHILIPPINES
STEAMSHIP CO.

| Steamship. | Tons. | Captain. | For | Sailing Date. |
|------------|-------|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ZAFIRO | 4000 | F. S. MacMurray | Manila, Mangarin, Holo and Cebu. | TUESDAY, 26th Feb., 4 p.m. |
| RUBI | 4000 | J. Miller | Manila, Mangarin, Holo and Cebu. | FRIDAY, 7th March, 4 p.m. |

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GENERAL MANAGERS

Hongkong 17th February, 1913.

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Regular Fortnightly Service between

JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

| Steamer | From | Expected on | To | Will leave on or about |
|----------|------|---------------|----------|------------------------|
| Tilapat | Java | 1st half Feb. | JAPAN | 1st half Feb. |
| Tiboda | JAVA | 1st half Feb. | SHANGHAI | 1st half Feb. |
| Tijah | JAVA | 1st half Feb. | JAVA | 1st half Feb. |
| Tijmanok | JAVA | 1st half Feb. | JAPAN | 1st half Feb. |
| Tijmanok | JAVA | 2nd half Feb. | SHANGHAI | 2nd half Feb. |
| Tijmanok | JAVA | 2nd half Feb. | JAPAN | 2nd half Feb. |
| Tijmanok | JAVA | 1st half Mar. | JAPAN | 1st half Mar. |
| Tijmanok | JAVA | 1st half Mar. | JAPAN | 1st half Mar. |

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PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG. (Subject to alteration.)

| Steamer | Tons | Captain | Date of sailing |
|--------------------|--------|---------------|-------------------|
| S.S. "Chiyo Maru" | 22,000 | W. W. Greene | Mar. 11th, Noon. |
| S.S. "Nippon Maru" | 11,000 | A. G. Stevens | April 1st, Noon. |
| S.S. "Tenyo Maru" | 22,000 | E. Bent | April 5th, Noon. |
| S.S. "Shinyo Maru" | 22,000 | H. S. Smith | April 29th, Noon. |

These steamers are equipped with Turbine Engines and Triple Screw. All steamers carry Japanese Government wireless telegraph and post office.

INTERMEDIATE SERVICE.

The twin screw steamer "Nippon Maru" will be dispatched for SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU on TUESDAY, the 1st April, 1913, at Noon.

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In connection with the National Railway of Mexico at Manzanillo and the Tehuantepec National Railway at Salina Cruz.

Only Regular Direct Service to Mexican, Chilean and Peruvian Ports.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (Subject to alteration.)

| Steamer | Tons | Date of sailing |
|---------------|--------|-------------------------------|
| Bayo Maru | 10,500 | Thursday, April 3, Noon 1913. |
| Hongkong Maru | 11,000 | Wednesday, June 4, Noon. |
| Kiyo Maru | 17,200 | Tuesday, August 5, Noon 1913. |

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| 17,000 tons, twin screw. | 27,000 tons twin screw. | 18,000 tons, twin screw. | 18,000 tons, twin screw. |
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| Steamers | Siberia | Manchuria | Tons | Starting | Feb. 18th, at 4 p.m. | Feb. 26th, at 3 p.m. | Mar. 4th, at 1 p.m. | Mar. 18th, at 3 p.m. |
|-----------|---------|-----------|------|----------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Chia | 18,000 | 10,200 | | | | | | |
| Manchuria | 27,000 | | | | | | | |
| Nile | 11,000 | | | | | | | |

Passengers holding tickets have the privilege of travelling by train between Kobe and Yokohama, free of charge.

HONGKONG-MANILA SERVICE.

| From HONGKONG. | Arrive | Leave | From MANILA. | Due |
|-----------------|---------|-------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Leave Hongkong. | Manila. | Manila. | Leave Hongkong. | Manila. |
| Feb. 26 CHINA | Feb. 27 | Feb. 21 MANCHURIA | Feb. 23 | |
| Mar. 18 NILE | Mar. 21 | Mar. 8 NILE | Mar. 10 | |
| Apr. 16 PERSIA | Apr. 17 | Mar. 16 MONGOLIA | Mar. 18 | |
| May 18 CHINA | May 18 | Apr. 6 PERSIA | Apr. 7 | |

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Hongkong, 22nd May, 1913.

LOG BOOK.

The S.S. Narrung.

The experience of the P. & O. S. Narrung in the Bay of B. bay in December is still fresh in the memory of newspaper readers. The captain and officers were on duty for twenty-four consecutive hours, and a steward has testified that the only food taken by the officers on the bridge (except the captain, who took nothing) was Bovril and bread.—"N. China Daily News"

Subsiding a Dry-Dock.

In order to encourage the building of a dry-dock at Boston, the White Star, Cunard and Hamburg-American Companies have signified their willingness to pay a subsidy of £10,000 a year for 20 years if a dry-dock is built at Boston that will accommodate their largest steamers. The dry-dock proposed will cost about £400,000, and will be about 1,180 ft. in length.

The H. A. L. Imperator.

The length of the biggest ship in the world, the Imperator, of the Hamburg-American Line, exceeds the height of the Woolworth Building, the highest skyscraper in the world. The Imperator is 919 ft. long, 98 ft. beam, 62 ft. deep. The boat deck is 100 ft. and the trucks of the masts 246 ft. above the keel, exceeding those of the loftiest sailing vessel afloat. The rudder weighs 90 tons. The Imperator is the first of three great sister ships, each with a displacement of 70,000 tons.

Chinese Escape from Hongkong

Ships at Manila.

Several days ago three Chinese members of the crew of the steamship Bessie Dollar got away at Manila and on Monday night one of the crew of the Yngchow disappeared, and all efforts of the customs and city secret service to locate the men has failed, says the "Cable News American." The law provides a penalty of not less than P1,000 and not more than P2,000 against any ship allowing non-resident Chinese members of the crew to land without permission from the collector of customs.

The Cleveland.

With nearly 100 passengers more than she had last trip, the big Hamburg Amerika tourist ship Cleveland sailed from San Francisco on February 4 on her homeward cruise around the world. She will arrive in Hongkong on March 15 and after a three day stay here will sail for Manila, arriving there on March 20, with her 485 passengers. The big ship will sail on the afternoon of the following day for the following ports:—Batavia, Singapore, Rangoon, Diamond Harbour, Colombo, Bombay, Suez, Port Said, Naples, Gibraltar, Southampton and Hamburg. She is due to arrive at Naples May 12 and in Hamburg May 20. There are only a few accommodations left on the Cleveland, says the "Cable News American," and passengers intending to sail on this vessel should make their reservations immediately.

O. S. K. Half-Yearly Meeting.

Kobe, January 28.—The half-yearly general meeting of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha on Friday approved the dividend for last half-year at the rate of 9 per cent per annum and re-elected Messrs. Sugimura and Hants Ryotaro as auditors. Afterwards Mr. Nakabashi, president of the company, spoke on the company's position. He said that the activity of marine transport business lately prevailing had improved the position of the company, so that it was enabled to set aside a sum of ¥1,500,000 to form a reserve for equalisation of dividend after paying a dividend at the rate of 9 per cent. He believed that it would not be difficult to obtain the same satisfactory result for the present period. The Indian service of the company, the opening of which had long been under consideration was inaugurated last month, and a full cargo was secured. This service would be continued regularly once a month. Mr. Nakabashi added that the company consulted the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and joined a conference of the steamship companies on the service between Japan and Bombay.

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Next Sailings from Hongkong:

OUTWARD:

S. S. "SIBERIA" 23rd Feb.

S. S. "AMBRIA" 25th March

S. S. "SCANDIA" 10th March

S. S. "SITHONIA" 22nd March

S. S. "LIBERIA" 3rd April

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For NEW YORK;

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For Havre, Bremen & Hamburg;

S. S. "BELGRAVIA" 15th March

For Havre, Bremen & Hamburg;

S. S. "O. J. D. AHLERS" 16th March

For Vancouver & Portland (O.R.);

S. S. "SITHONIA" 23rd March

For Havre & Hamburg;

S. S. "SIBERIA" 23rd March

For Bremen, Hamburg & Antwerp;

S. S. "SACHSEN" 12th April

For Havre & Hamburg;

S. S. "SCANDIA" 14th April

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LOG BOOK.

10,000-Ton Motor Liners.

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engines have been so satisfactory
that the Selandia and Jullandia
—motor liners of the East Asiatic
Company, Copenhagen—are to be
followed by two more oil-propelled
ships, each of a carrying capacity
of 10,000 tons. Three further
vessels fitted with similar engines
have also been ordered from Eng-
lish builders for the "Flower"
Motor Ship Company.

Proposed Steamer for Dairen

A cargo-boat of 2,000 ton class
intended for the coast steamer
service operated by the Dairen
Steamship Co. will be constructed
shortly in Japan. We learn that the
characteristic feature of the new
steamer will be that her engine-
room will be situated in the stern,
and her holds will have no pillars
or props, so as to enable her to
load a larger amount of cargo,
and, at the same time, facilitate
the cargo-work. She will be of a
shallow draft type, drawing 14
ft. when fully loaded. This type
of steamer is now in vogue among
shipping circles for the special
purpose of coasting service.—
"Manchuria Daily News"

Port of Vladivostok.

Visitors to Vladivostok who
have returned to Dairen state that
the average temperature of that
port is now seldom lower than
24 deg. C. below zero, and the ice
in the harbour is daily growing
thicker and more unmanageable.
As previously reported, says the
"Manchuria Daily News," the
Senzan Maru, which had her
propeller dented, still remains ice-
bound. The Tomon Maru, Nos.
1 & 5, Europa Maru, Shikano
Maru, etc., and a few other
British and Norwegian steamers
are in the same unfortunate
situation. In consequence, only
few incoming vessels are able to
come alongside the Main Wharf,
the majority being obliged to be
berthed for cargo work at the O.
E. Railway Wharf. The Russian
Volunteer Fleet Steamer service,
presumably by the necessity of railway and steamer connections, is
continuing to be operated by
three liners and two auxiliary
steamers between Vladivostok,
Nagasaki, and Shanghai.

Shipping Competition.

Commenting on the competition
between the N. Y. K. and British
lines the "N. China Daily News"
says—Mr. Acland's statement in
the House of Commons that the
British Government had approached
the Japanese Government to
secure a satisfactory arrangement
touching the trade between
Hongkong, Singapore, Rangoon,
Calcutta and Japan ports, has
been received with satisfaction
by Far Eastern shipping com-
panies. But, satisfaction
is qualified by doubts that the
British Government is not taking
so determined a position as the
companies concerned could wish.
The hope, indeed, that the
Government will be less tardy in
concluding an arrangement than
it has been in making a move, is
justified. From time to time the
urgency of the question has been
impressed upon the House of
Commons, and doubtless the pre-
sent negotiations were entered
upon as a result of the Bengal
Chamber of Commerce protesting
to the Government of India
against the continuation of condi-
tions by which Japanese com-
panies are able to compete with
British companies in the Indian
trade, whereas the latter are not
allowed to participate in the Ja-
pan trade. It is agreed that the
Japanese entry into Indian trade
is calculated to have a serious
effect on British shipping. The
British-India, Indo-China and
Asiatic S. N. Companies are
primarily concerned, and have
taken up the fight in earnest; the
two first-named having purchased
large additions to their fleets.
Only a few weeks ago the British
India Company bought five mod-
ern steamers from Messrs.
Archibald Currie & Co., in order
to meet Japanese competition.
The Nippon Yusen Kaisha, on its
part, has purchased several ships
and cut rates to a minimum, but
the new shipping war has not
helped to still the public protest
against the large sums paid in

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| Destination. | Vessel's Name. | For Freight Apply To. | To be Dispatched. |
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| London and Antwerp | Carmarthenshire. | J. M. & Co. | 1 March |
| London, Rotterdam & Antwerp | Glenroy | S. T. & Co. | 5th March, about |
| London via Usual Ports of Call | Devanha | P. & O. Co. | 1 March |
| Europe | Atsuta Maru | N. Y. K. | 28 February |
| London and Antwerp via Singapore, &c. | Sardinia | P. & O. Co. | 19 February |
| Havre, Bremen and Hamburg, &c. | Brigavina | H. A. L. | 8 March |
| do do do | O. J. D. Ahlers | H. A. L. | 18 March |
| Cape Ports via Mauritius | Dunerie | Bank Line | End of February |
| Marseilles, Bremen, and Hamburg, &c. | Belgravia | H. A. L. | 15 March |
| Naples, Genoa, Algiers, Gibraltar, S. ton, Manila | Bremen | M. & Co. | 19 February |
| Mexico, Peruvian and Chili via Japan | Byno Maru | T. K. K. | 23 April |
| U.K. & Continental Ports | Glenloghan | S. T. & Co. | Middle of March |
| Trieste, Fiume, Venice via Singapore, &c. | E. F. Ferdinand | S. W. & Co. | 14 March, about |
| Trieste, via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, &c. | Africa | S. W. & Co. | 13 March |

New York, San Francisco and Canada.

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| New York | Ambria | H. A. L. | 12 March |
| Boston & New York via Ports & Suez Canal | Indradeo | S. T. & Co. | 26 Feb about |
| San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan, &c. | Persia | P. M. Co. | 18 February |
| do do do do do do | China | P. M. Co. | 25 February |
| do do do do do do | Siberia | P. M. Co. | 18 February |
| do do do do do do | Ohio Maru | N. Y. K. | 11 March |
| Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma via Japan, &c. | Chicago Maru | O. S. K. | 20 February |
| Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma via Shanghai, &c. | Canada Maru | O. S. K. | 5 March |
| Victoria, B.C., and Seattle via Shanghai, &c. | Shidzuoka Maru | N. Y. K. | 25 February |
| Vancouver | Monteagle | C. P. R. Co. | 8 March |
| Vancouver B.C., and Portland (O.R.) | Sithonia | H. A. L. | 22 March |
| Vancouver via Shanghai and Japan, &c. | Empress of India | C. P. R. Co. | 5 April |

Australia.

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| Australian Ports via Manila | Prinz Sigismund. | M. & Co. | 22 February |
| do do do | Empire | G. L. & Co. | 1 March |
| do do do | Taiyuan | B. & S. | 19 February |
| do do do | Kumano Maru | N. Y. K. | 12 March |

Singapore, Coast Ports and Japan.

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| Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, &c. | Tjitaroem | J. C. J. L. | Quick despatch |
| do do do | Tjimahi | J. C. J. L. | Quick despatch |
| Singapore, Penang and Calcutta | Arntoon Apear. | D. S. & Co. | 20 February |
| Singapore, Penang, Rangoon and Calcutta | Jinsen Maru | N. Y. K. | 22 February |
| Sundakan | Mausang | J. M. & Co. | 27 February |
| Kudat and Sandakan | Boraeo | M. & Co. | End of February |
| Japan | Tjiliwong | J. C. J. L. | Quick despatch |
| Kobe and Moji | Gregory Apear. | D. S. & Co. | 21 February |
| do do | Torilla | D. S. & Co. | 21 February |
| Kobe and Yokohama | Prinz Waldemar | M. & Co. | 4 March, about |
| do do | Iyo Maru | N. Y. K. | 13 March |
| do do | Kitano Maru | T. K. K. | 27 March |
| Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama | Yasata Maru | N. Y. K. | 12 March |
| Yokohama and Kobe via Shanghai | Austria | S. W. & Co. | 2 March, about |
| Manila | Loongsang | J. M. & Co. | 1 March |
| do | Yuensang | J. M. & Co. | 22 February |
| Manila, Mangarin, Hoilo and Cebu | Zafiro | S. T. & Co. | 25 February |
| Kwang-chow-wang and Haiphong | Si-Kiang | M. M. Co. | 26 February |
| Anping and Takao via Swatow and Amoy | Sosho Maru | O. S. K. | 19 February |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow | Haitan | D. L. & Co. | 21 February |
| do do do | Haiyang | D. L. & Co. | 25 February |
| Pansui via Swatow and Amoy | Taitou Maru | O. S. K. | 21 February |
| Shanghai and Japan | Den of Glamis | J. M. & Co. | 10 March |
| Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama | Schwaburg | H. A. L. | 28 February |
| do do do | Spezia | H. A. L. | 8 March |
| do do do | Scandia | H. A. L. | 10 March |
| do do do | Nera | M. M. Co. | 24 February |
| do do do | Kamakura Maru | N. Y. K. | 26 February |
| Shanghai, Kobe and Moji | Dilwara | D. S. & Co. | 15 March |
| Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe and Moji | Nippon | A. N. & Co. | 7 March, about |
| Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama | P. E. Friedrich | M. & Co. | 20 Feb., about |
| Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama | Nankin | P. & O. Co. | 21 Feb., about |
| Shanghai | Tjilatjap | J. C. J. L. | Quick despatch |
| do | Tjibodas | J. C. J. L. | Quick despatch |
| do | Tjikini | J. C. J. L. | Quick despatch |
| do | Africa | S. W. & Co. | 1 March |
| do | Choysoang | S. W. & Co. | 1 March |
| do | Anhui | J. M. & Co. | 20 March |
| do | Delta | B. & S. | 20 March |
| do | | P. & O. Co. | 27 Feb., about |

To Sail

FOR YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND
MOJI.

THE Steamship

"TORILLA."
Capt. O. J. Swanson, R.N.B. will be
despatched for the above ports on Thurs-
day, the 20th inst., at 4 p.m.
The steamer has superior accom-
modation for passengers, is installed
throughout with Electric Light and
carries a duly certified doctor.
Return Tours to Japan (occupying
20 days.)
Return tickets are available by the
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s
Steamers. Fare for round trip \$130.
For Further Particulars, apply to

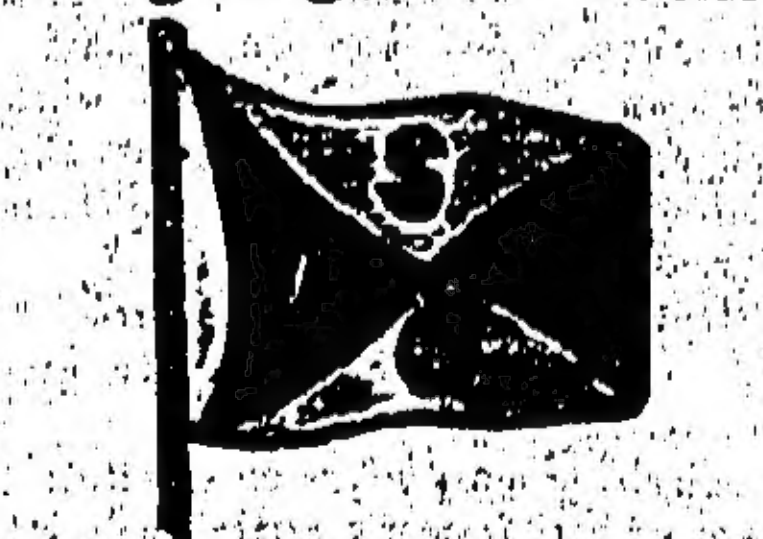
DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 14th Feb. 1913. [177]

subsidies to this and other com-
panies by the Government. There
is no reason why the respective
Governments should not arrive
at a reciprocal arrangement
which would remove the suspicion
of unfairness in the present com-
petition.

To Sail

Hongkong—New York.



AMERICAN ASIATIC S.S. CO.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

HONGKONG-NEW YORK

(With liberty to call at the Malabar Coast)

British S.S. "INTRADEO"

on or about 26th February, 1913.

For freight and further information, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, 27th Jan., 1913. [139]

Notice to Mariners.

A special notice to mariners
announces that the sounding of
the submarine bell attached to the
experimental gas-lighted sub-
marine bell buoy, moved in the
approach to the South Channel
entrance to the Yangtze, has been
temporarily discontinued.

To Sail

"INDRA" LINE, LIMITED.

FROM NEW YORK VIA

SUEZ CANAL.

(With liberty to call at the Malabar Coast)

THE Steamship

"INDRAWADE"

Capt. Charters will be despatched

above on 17th February.

For Freight and Passage apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

LTD. Agents.

Hongkong, 28th Jan., 1913. [1054]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG,

RANGOON AND CALCUTTA.

(Taking cargo on Through Bills of

Lading to Rangoon, Madras and

Manilla)

THE Steamship

"ARRATOON APOA"

Capt. R. F. Thomson, will be despatched

for the above ports on Thursday, the 20th

inst., at 8 p.m.

For further particulars, apply to

DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd.

Agents.

Hongkong, 17th Feb., 1913. [186]

MOVEMENTS OF
STEAMERS.VESSELS ADVERTISED TO
DEPART TO-MORROW.

For Vessel

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|-------------|-------------|
| Pakhoi | Singan |
| Straits | Sardinia |
| Swatow | Haimun |
| Europe | Bremen |
| Straits | Ischia |
| Japan | Riojun Maru |
| Macao | Sui Tai |
| Amoy | Sosho Maru |
| Philippines | Teau |
| Bombay | Ischia |

VESSELS ADVERTISED TO
ARRIVE TO-MORROW.

From Vessels

| | |
|----------|-----------|
| Shanghai | Monteagle |
| Moji | Jelunga |

AMERICAN MAIL.

The P. M. s.s. China, sailed
from San Francisco on the 17th
ult., for Hongkong, via Honolulu,
Japan Ports and Manila.
The P. M. s.s. Nile, with the
American mail, left San Francisco
for this port via Honolulu, the
usual Japan ports and Manila on
the 8th inst.The T. K. K. s.s. Shinyo Maru
left San Francisco via usual ports
of call on the 11th inst., at noon.The T. K. K. s.s. Chiyu Maru
arrived at Yokohama from Hon-
olulu on the 18th inst., and is due
in Hongkong on the 4th prox.The T. K. K. s.s. Nippon Maru
leaves San Francisco for Hong-
kong via usual ports on the 21st
inst., and is due here on the 20th
prox.The P. M. str. Manchuria left
Yokohama on the 11th inst., be-
tween 10 a.m. and noon for this
port via Kobe, Nagasaki and
Manila. Her mails have been
transferred to the Prinz Sigis-
mund, due here on the 20th inst.

CANADIAN MAIL.

The C. P. R. s.s. Monteagle ar-
rived Shanghai on the 16th inst.,
at 7 p.m., left at 4 a.m. on the 17th
and is due to arrive at Hongkong
on the 19th inst., at 6 p.m. on
the 19th.The C. P. R. s.s. Empress of
Japan left Yokohama on the 16th
inst., at 2 p.m., and is due to arrive
at Vancouver, B.C., on the 28th
inst.

AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The E. and A. s.s. Aldenham,
left Sydney on the 15th ult., for
this port, via Queensland ports,
and Manila.The I. G. M. s.s. Prinz Walde-
mar left Sydney on the 8th inst.,
at 11 a.m., and may be expected
here on the 3rd prox.The E. & A. s.s. St. Albans left
Sydney on the 12th inst., for
Manila and this port via Queens-
land Ports and Port Darwin.

GERMAN MAIL.

The I. G. M. s.s. Prinz Eitel
Friedrich carrying the German
Mails with dates from Berlin of
the 22nd ult., left Colombo on
the 9th inst., p.m., and may be
expected here on the 20th inst.

FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. str. Ville de la Clotat,
with the outward French mail,
will leave for Europe on the 25th
inst. at 1 p.m.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The I. G. s.s. Prinz Sigismund
left Yokohama on 13th inst., and
may be expected here on the 20th
inst.The Mogul Line s.s. Ghazee left
United Kingdom on the 28th Jan.
for the Far East via Straits.The T. K. K. s.s. Buyo Maru
leaves Honolulu for Yokohama
on the 14th inst., and is due in
Hongkong on the 20th prox.The s.s. Jelunga from Shanghai
and Kobe left Moji yesterday
morning, and may be expected
here on the 19th inst., a.m.The L. O. S. N. s.s. Fauquier from
Saigon is due at Hongkong on the
20th inst.The P. & O. s.s. Nankin left
Singapore for this port on the 16th
inst., at 6.30 a.m., and is due here
on the 21st inst., at 6 p.m.The L. O. S. N. s.s. Kuisang
from Calcutta is due at Hong-
kong on the 21st inst.The L. O. S. N. s.s. Kuisang from
Calcutta is due at Hongkong on
the 25th inst.The Swedish East Asiatic Co.'s
s.s. Nippon left Suez on the 11th
inst., and is expected to arrive
here on the 10th prox.The T. K. K. s.s. Buyo Maru,
left Manzanillo for Honolulu on
the 28th ult., and is due in Hong-
kong on the 20th prox.The T. K. K. s.s. Hongkong
Maru left Callao for Iquique and
Valparaiso on the 25th ult.The s.s. Glenafarr, passed the
Suez Canal on the 14th ult., for
Hongkong via Straits.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

Anghin, Ger. s.s., 1,001, Chong Kim

16th, 14th Feb. Bangkok

4th Feb. Rangoon. B. & S.

Arratoon Apear, Br. s.s., 2,926,

10th Feb. Calcutta. D.

S. & Co.

Bessie Dollar, Br. s.s., 2,797, J.

Graham, 16th Feb.

Manila, P.I., 18th Feb.

Lumber-Robert Dollar

Co.

Chicago Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,833,

Nippon, 14th Feb.

Manila Feb. Gen. O. S.

K. O. A. A. A. A.

Chongshing, Br. s.s., 1,909, 11th

Feb. 29th Jan. Bangkok

20th Jan. Gen. J. M.

& Co.

Chowlat, Ger. s.s., 1,115, 12th

Feb. Bangkok 3rd

COMMERCIAL

Gula-Kalumpung Rubber Estates.

Messrs. Ilbert and Co., Ltd., Singapore, secretaries of the Gula-Kalumpung Rubber Estates, Ltd., state that they are in receipt of a telegram from the London secretaries, as follows:—

"Rubber of all grades sold at auction... 15,200 lbs. Average price... 44 1/2. Market quotation for shares, middle price... 38 1/2. Para quoted at... 48 1/2."

Japan and Chinese Trade. The following statement, given out by the Japanese Department of Agriculture and Commerce, is printed in the "Yomiuri":—

"Japanese cotton cloth is most extensively exported to Manchuria, where the Japanese goods are obtaining ascendancy over the English and American products. Since the formation of the Chinese Republic, the style of living of the Chinese has made a sudden advance, and coarse cotton cloth and grey shirting are used generally among all classes, so that these qualities have the first place in demand. Lately taste has undergone a change and the sales of thinner qualities are increasing. The best time for the sale of the goods is March, May, August, and September. At the present state of trade is maintained by the Japanese, and the market is established firmly, with the quality improved in conformity with the taste of the Chinese and the goods sold at a reasonable price, the Japanese products will be able to surpass the Chinese native cotton cloth and monopolise the market. Two different qualities of the Japanese goods under one and the same trade-mark are found on the market in Manchuria. This may be due to the careless selection of raw material, but the inequality in weight, length, breadth, and colour must be due to the want of connection among the weaving mills producing the goods, and also to the neglect of inspection on the part of the syndicate for export of cotton goods to Manchuria. Should this undesirable state of things be continued, the Japanese cotton goods will lose the high reputation they enjoy, and the market will again be encroached upon by the English and American products, so that the Japanese goods will be entirely driven out of the Manchurian market. The remedy for these evils is pressing, and the Japanese weavers and exporters must be warned."—Japan Chronicle.

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YACHTING.

C.Y.C. "Aleo Gun" Race.

The race for the "Aleo Gun" cup presented to the Corinthian Yacht Club by Mr. Van Andel was sailed on Saturday and Sunday. The course laid down was: Start from C. Y. C. starting line to Pionio Bay 3.15 p.m. Saturday; Pionio Bay to Gindrinker's Bay (keeping Lama and Kaichow to starboard) at 9 a.m. Sunday; Gindrinker's Bay to C. Y. C. 2.30 p.m. The outlook on Saturday until five minutes before the start was very poor but a strong westerly breeze sprang up and the race was started under most favourable circumstances. The yachts crossed the line in the following order:—

Scotengden (D. K. Blair)
La Cigale (C. Rosemann)
Norsemann (V. Goulborn)
We Two (S. M. Mayes)
Brynild (S. D. Hickey)
Evdne (G. G. Wood)
Mist (Major Penney)

The wind held until the first boat La Cigale reached the North Fairway buoy when she ran into a flat calm and the other yachts drew up on her. All the boats dropped anchor against a strong ebb tide. The wind came away after about fifteen minutes from the north, and the run to Pionio Bay was completed in fairly good time, the order of arrival being:—

La Cigale ... 5 52 07
Norsemann ... 6 17 00
We Two ... 6 18 00
Fydvne ... 6 22 55
Brynild ... 6 25 30
Scotengden ... 7 03 03
Mist ... Gave up

La Cigale saved her time and won on this leg, Norsemann second, Evdne third, Brynild fourth, We Two fifth, Scotengden sixth.

After dinner the yachtsmen assembled on the Scotengden where a most entertaining "smoker" was held. About 2 a.m. when many had retired to sleep, an alarm of "pirates" was raised, several of the dinghies having disappeared. These were found at 6 a.m. moored behind a small island in the bay, whither they had doubtless been removed by some practical joker.

The second leg was started in a strong northerly breeze which, to the south of Lama, developed into half a gale and from this point onward there were only three boats in the race, these being La Cigale, Scotengden and Norsemann. The others found the weather too heavy. Although under reefed sails, with the exception of the Brynild which carried full canvas, they made poor headway and finished hopelessly out of time. The leg finished in the following order:—

La Cigale ... 12 31 30
Scotengden ... 1 00 20
Norsemann ... 1 15 57

After the third leg was started, the weather conditions being similar. This also resulted in a tussle between Scotengden, La Cigale and Norsemann. The first named led until opposite the Police Pier when she went into second place. Having to go about at the Germ in flagship's moorings she dropped into third place and the finish was as follows:—

La Cigale ... 3 46 02
Norsemann ... 3 48 20
Scotengden ... 3 50 36

The La Cigale conceded 5 minutes per mile to the Scoteng-

den and 2 min. 15 sec., to the Norsemann. The distance was as follows:—Club to Pionio Bay, 8 miles; Pionio Bay to Gindrinker's Bay, 7 1/2 miles; Gindrinker's Bay to the Club, 5 1/2 miles—altogether 31 miles. Scotengden won by 43 min. 30 sec. from La Cigale the scratch boat, Norsemann being second by 14.37 from La Cigale.

MANILA CARNIVAL.

Interesting Education Exhibits.

Another feature of the agricultural education of the Bureau of Education was shown at the Carnival which contained a display of farm products from the school farms of Agusan, says the "Cable-news" of February 12. Most of the products came from the Bukidnon farms of central Mindanao. The bureau of education is doing much toward the development of agricultural resources in this section. They have established 19 settlement farm schools and one agricultural school for the Bukidnon children. In these schools the pupils are taught how to make the soil produce the ordinary food plants. Not only do they grow the products but they take the products home as the farms are worked as food centres.

This exhibit is more interesting when it is considered that the Bukidnon country is five days by boat and four days by pack animals from Manila. The exhibit, which contained all of the common food plants, was nine days enroute.

A quantity of excellent coffee was shown. The bureau of education is encouraging coffee cultivation in this region and judging from the quality of the coffee on exhibition it is believed that in two or three years the exportation of coffee from the sub-province of Bukidnon will be of considerable importance. The coffee on exhibit could readily take its place along with the first grade coffee secured in other parts of the Philippines.

Mr. G. O. Kindley has immediate charge of the schools in Bukidnon and any one interested in the development of this country and the work of the bureau of education may secure from him information relative to the agricultural possibilities of this section of the Philippines.

In the agricultural section of the bureau of education building at the Carnival grounds was a booth devoted to a display of products from the Central Luzon Agricultural School. This contained an excellent exhibit of rice and other farm products grown by the school boys. The Central Luzon Agricultural School is a large school with dormitory accommodations, located at Muñoz Nueva Ecija. In this school the boys are being taught how to farm. The exhibit indicates to some extent the class of work which is being done at the school.

When the school boys learn to grow such farm products as are exhibited in this booth the agricultural development of the Philippines will be greatly benefited by the graduates of this school.

In the booth was displayed a case containing 57 different insect pests, showing that agriculture in the Philippines is often carried on under adverse conditions.

POST OFFICE.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Let London Shanghai
Jan. 30 Feb. 15
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MAILS DUE.

Canadian, Montague, 19th inst.
Am., P. Sigismund, 20th inst.
Ger., P. E. Friedrich, 20th inst.

The Montague with the Canadian Mail left Shanghai on Monday the 17th inst. at 4 a.m. and may be expected to arrive here on Wednesday the 19th inst. at 6 p.m.

The Prinz Sigismund, with the American Mail (ex s.s. Manchuria), is expected to arrive here on Thursday, the 20th inst.

The P. E. Friedrich with the German Mail left Singapore on Saturday the 15th inst. at 8 p.m. and may be expected to arrive here on Thursday the 20th inst. at noon.

MAILS CLOSE.

Haiphong and Pakhoi—Per Matilde, 19th Feb. 8 a.m.
Saigon—Per Devawongse, 19th Feb. 8 a.m.

Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong—Per Singan, 19th Feb. 8 a.m.

Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Naples—Per Bremen, 19th Feb. 9 a.m.

Swatow—Per Haimun, 19th Feb. 9 a.m.

Straits and Ceylon—Per Sardinia, 19th Feb. 9 a.m.

Straits, and India via Bombay—Per Ischia, 19th Feb. 11 a.m.

Japan via Kobe—Per Riojun, 19th Feb. 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 19th Feb. 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Choy-sang, 20th Feb. 11 a.m.

Japan via Moji, Victoria, and Tacoma—Per Chicago, 20th Feb. 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 20th Feb. 11 a.m.

Straits and India via Calcutta—Per A. Appear, 20th Feb. 2 p.m.

Japan via Kobe—Per Torilla, 20th Feb. 3 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Anhui, 20th Feb. 3 p.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Nagasaki (Europe via Siberia)—Per P. E. Friedrich, 20th Feb. 5 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haitan, 21st Feb. 9 a.m.

Tientsin—Per Huichow, 21st Feb. 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 21st Feb. 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands, Yap, Maroon, Samar, Fred. Wilhelmshafen, Rabaul, Herbertshöhe, Matupi, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand via Brisbane—Per Prinz Sigismund, 22nd Feb. 8 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Yuen-sang, 22nd Feb. 1 p.m.

Shanghai and North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per Per Chenan, 22nd Feb. 5 p.m.

Tientsin—Per Cheongshing, 22nd Feb. 5 p.m.

Swatow—Per Haimun, 23rd Feb. 9 a.m.

Philippine Islands, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand via Thursday Island—Per Guthrie, 24th Feb. 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haiyang, 25th Feb. 9 a.m.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Moji, Victoria B.C. and Seattle—Per Shidzuokamaru, 25th Feb. 10 a.m.

Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseille (Late Letters 11 to Noon. Extra Postage 10 cents). (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)—Per Ville de la Cloire, 25th Feb. 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Zafiro, 25th Feb. 3 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Ralfong, 25th Feb. 3 p.m.

Sandakan—Per Maungang, 27th Feb. 3 p.m.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Haimun, Br. s.s., 641, Evans, 18th Feb.—Swatow 17th Feb.

Sardinia, Br. s.s., 4219, Talbot, 18th Feb.—Toko-hama 4th Feb. Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Kiyo Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,448, K. Fukushima, 18th Feb. Gen.—Chinkiang 13th Feb. Gen.—Chinese.

Loongsang, Br. s.s., 1,093, Leask, 18th Feb.—Manila, Gen.—J. M. & Co.

China, Am. s.s., 3,185, H. Thompson, 18th Feb.—San Francisco 17th Jan. Gen.—P. M. Co.

Chun Sang, Br. s.s., 1,418, Matlock, 18th Feb.—Sandakan 12th Feb. Timber.—J. M. & Co.

Bellophon, Br. s.s., 5,743, Babb, 18th Feb.—Kutchinotsu 14th Feb. Gen.—B. & S.

Bremen, Ger. s.s., 7,077, Willelm, 18th Feb.—Yokohama 8th Feb. Gen.—M. & Co.

Kaiser Franz Joseph 1, Aust. cruiser, 4,000, Von Santa, Feb.—Amoy 17th Feb.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Siberia, for San Francisco. Foochow, for Hongay.

Misumi-maru, for Kwong Yuen. Silesia, for Shanghai. Feb. 18.

Haiching, for Foochow. Taiyuan, for Melbourne. Pongtong, for Bangkok.

Lysemoon, for Saigon. Tean, for Cebu.

Wakamatsu-maru, for W'matsu. Bourbon, for Hongay.

Sardinia, for London. Johanne, for Macao.

Mathilde, for Haiphong. Singan, for Haiphong.

Soshuramaru, for Anping.

DEPARTED.

Siberia, for San Francisco. Haiching, for Foochow.

Wenchow, for Canton. Anhui, for Canton.

Rajaburi, for Port Courbet. Sanuki-maru, for Bombay.

Looksun, for Saigon. Tean, for Manila.

Silesia, for Shanghai. Tjibodas, for Shanghai.

Foochow, for Hongay. Lysemoon, for Saigon.

Phu Yen, for Hongay. Bourbon, for Hongay.

Per s.s. Sardinia, arrived 18th inst. from Shanghai, &c.—Anderson, A. D. Vaughan-Smith.

Mr. Chowkit, W. H. Miss Mrs. and Wai Luk-chun.

Per s.s. China, arrived 18th inst. from San Francisco, &c.—Amidant, L.

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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 18th at 11.00.—The anticyclone has further weakened. It is now central to the S.E. of Japan.

A depression has apparently formed over Manchuria. Pressure has decreased in all districts except N. Japan, where it has increased slightly. It is considerably below normal over China.

Light or variable winds with fog may be expected along the E. coast of China and the northern shores of the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast. Light or variable winds; cloudy, misty.

1 Hongkong, and Neighbourhood. Variable winds, moderate.

2 Formosa Channel. The same as No. 1.

3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamook. The same as No. 1.

4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register. 18th February, a.m.

Station. Hour. Barometer. Temperature. Humidity. Wind. Force.

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Hakodate " 30.16 — — — — — Tokyo " 30.22 — — — — —

Koshi " 30.21 — — — — — Nagasaki " 30.17 — — — — —

K'shima " 30.17 — — — — — Oshima " 30.10 — — — — —

Naha " 30.09 — — — — — Ishijima " 30.07 — — — — —

Bonin Is. " — — — — — Chafoo " — — — — —

Whaiwei " 30.0034 — — — — — Hankow " — — — — —

Iohang " — — — — — Kiukiang " — — — — —

Changsha " — — — — — Shanghai " 30.0244 100 esse 1 om

Gutzlaff " 29.9443 — — — — — Sharp P. " 7a.30.1856 — — — — —

Amoy " 6a.30.1187 89 esse 1 o Swatow " 5a.30.09 — — — — —

Taihou " 30.10 — — — — — Tainan " 30.08 — — — — —

Koshun " 30.07 — — — — — P'dores " 30.08 — — — — —

Canton " 30.08 — — — — — H'kong " 6a.30.0463 85 e 1 o

Gap Rock " 30.01 — — — — — Macao " 30.0063 — — — — —

Wuchow " 3a — — — — — Pakhoi " — — — — —

Hoihow " — — — — — Phukien " 6a.29.9468 — — — — —

Tourane " 30.9470 — — — — — O. St. J. " 30.9373 — — — — —

Aparri " 30.0168 — — — — — Manila " 29.9872 — — — — —

Legaspi " 29.9779 — — — — — Iloilo " 8a.29.9880 — — — — —

T. F. Claxton, Director. Hongkong Observatory, Feb. 18.

1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees Fahrenheit.

3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation, the Humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4 Direction of Wind, to two points.

5 Force of Wind, according to Beaufort Scale.

6 State of Weather, b blue sky, c detached cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, i lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q squally, r rain, s snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew wet.

0 Rain in inches, tenths and hundredths.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous Day On Date On Date

Barometer 30.19 30.15 30.12

Temperature 60 60 62

Humidity 71 75 77

Wind Direction E E ESE

Force 6 4 3

Weather Rain 0 0 0

Rain Highest open air temperature on the 18th 66

H.K. Observatory, 17th Feb. 1913.

T. F. Claxton, Director.

TIDE TABLE.

Feb. 15th to 21st Feb. 1913.

High Water

Low Water

Mean Time.

Sat. 15 4 43 37 1 57 54

Sun. 16 No inferior High 2 5 54

Mon. 17 No inferior High 2 5 54

Tues. 18 2 10 13 2 5 54

Wed. 19 2 10 13 2 5 54

Thurs. 20 2 10 13 2 5 54

Fri. 21 2 10 13 2 5 54

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